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Geographic Names Supporting Sustainable Development and Management of the Pandemic

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Every country to have a fully functioning and globally-aligned structure and policy framework, based on common principles for national standardization of authorized geographical names that identify location and respect the associated culture and heritage

Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029 Adopted



Strategic Plan and Programme of Work focuses on five strategies.

Member States, Divisions, Working Groups and Task Teams are encouraged to begin implementation.

RECOMMENDATION 1



Connecting Geographical Names and the Environment



To consider current and potential connections between geographical names standardization and the environment, in support of sustainable development

RECOMMENDATION 2

Strengthening Cooperation with Relevant Organizations

Recognizes the importance of relationships between the Group of Experts and the organizations with which it maintains liaison

Seeks to establish cooperation in support of UNESCO's International Decade of Indigenous Languages

DECISION 2/2021/4



Called for Open and Free Use of Geographical Names Data

Called for the open and free use of geographical names data from various sources under an appropriate regulatory framework

DECISION 2/2021/5



Creating an Equal Society through Geographical Names



To consider the development of guidelines aimed at equality and inclusion in geographical names in harmony with the principles on restoring, protecting and preserving cultural heritage, and the contribution to relevant Sustainable Development Goals

DECISION 2/2021/15

Standardizing Geographical Names Matters



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