

UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF **EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES**



UNGEGN's VISION is for every country to have a fully functioning and globallyaligned structure and policy framework, based on common principles for national standardization of authorized geographical names, and to have these names easily accessible for national and international use.

Standardized, accurate and consistent geographical names support





	Technical expertise
	Relationships, links and connections
) E	Effective work programmes
Þ	Culture, heritage and language recognition
Q WWW	Promotion and capacity building
Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021–2029	



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Strengthening relationships, links and connections in geographical names

standardization and for sustainable development and pandemic recovery

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SOME UNGEGN 2023 SESSION OUTCOMES



Continue management and monitoring of the Sustainable **Development Goals in** cooperation with UN bodies, e.g. United Nations Maps, on the standardization of geographical names.



UNGEGN Strategy 2



Relationships links and connections

WORLD GEOGRAHICAL NAMES DATABASE

- Strengthen the accuracy and completeness of toponyms via connections with Member States and across the UN System.
- Support the creation of a unique and standardized identifier for cities.





OTHER WORK ITEMS

- Align work of Member States and UNGEGN Divisions with the Strategic Plan
- Develop a compendium of good practices - a joint exercise between UN-GGIM and UNGEGN
- Create a Trust Fund to strengthen toponymic standardization capacities in developing countries.
- Crowd sourcing and data validation.



OTHER WORK ITEMS

- Investigate innovative methods for romanization (writing systems and pronunciation)
- Continue working on transliteration between non-Roman script writing systems. Reconcile past resolutions on
- exonyms and, acknowledge exonyms as part of cultural heritage.
- Culture, heritage and language recognition

Standardizing Geographical Names Matters

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