**UNGEGN's VISION** is for 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, and to have these names easily accessible for national and international use.

**Implementation Framework, Strategy and Programme**

- Technical expertise
- Relationships, links and connections
- Effective work programmes
- Culture, heritage and language recognition
- Promotion and capacity building

**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.
- 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 romanization between non-Roman script writing systems.
- Reconcile past resolutions on exonyms and acknowledge exonyms as part of cultural heritage.
- Culture, heritage and language recognition.

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**Standardizing Geographical Names Matters**


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**Relate, link, and connect.**

**WORLD GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES DATABASE**

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