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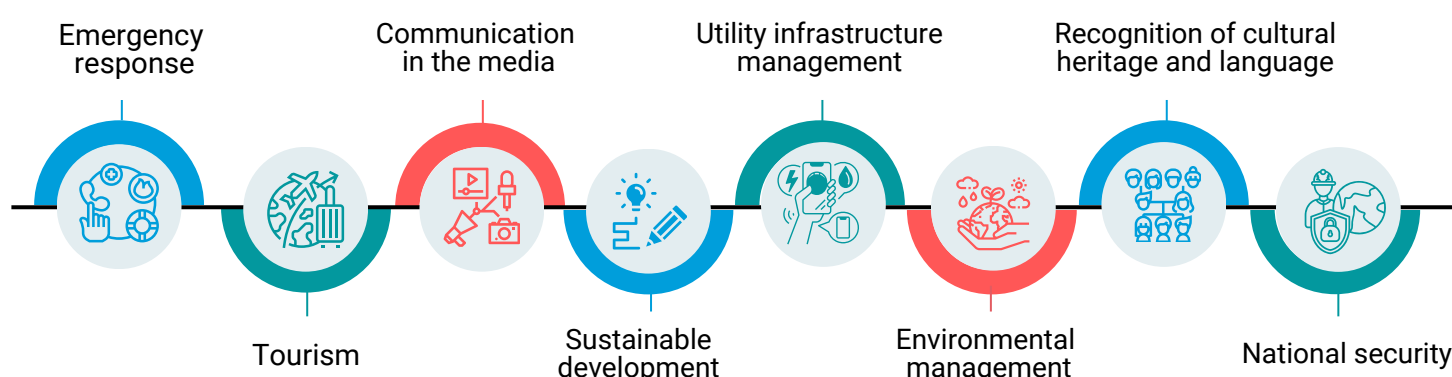
Building
Our Future
Together

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names



UNEGN'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.

Standardized, accurate and consistent geographical names support



UNEGN encourages every country to establish its own nationally standardized names, either through national names authorities or through other recognized administrative processes, such as through geographical name committees or establishing capacities within national geospatial information agencies.

Across its many dimensions of work, whether supporting the wide dissemination of standardized geographical names—through gazetteers, atlases, web-based databases, toponymic guidelines, from emphasizing the importance of recording locally-used names that reflect each country's languages, cultural heritage, and traditions, to supporting countries using non-Roman scripts, through promoting the adoption of single, scientifically-based romanization systems, UNEG N is at the apex of global geographical naming.

To deliver its work programme, UNEG N maintains an architecture composed of 24 geographical and linguistic divisions, which facilitate discussion on geographical name standardization and other related issues within and between Member States with similar linguistic or geographic characteristics. It also maintains several working groups, liaisons, and coordinators that currently address a myriad of issues, including those related to training courses, digital data files and gazetteers, romanization systems, country names, terminology, publicity and funding, and toponymic guidelines.



UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

2025 Session | 28 April – 2 May 2025 | @UNSD_GEGN, #2025UNEGN

'Advancing geographical names standardization through inclusive, culturally-informed and evidence-based solutions to support sustainable development'

KEY TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE 2025 SESSION

GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES STANDARDIZATION SUPPORTING THE SDGs



Continue promoting the role of standardized geographical names for the SDGs.

STRENGTHENING UNEG N DIVISIONS



Agreed to develop and provide common tools to strengthen Member State engagement in Divisions

REVITALIZING GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES AS CULTURAL HERITAGE



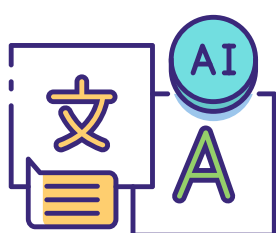
Stressed the importance of culture, heritage and language to geographical names

ADOPTION OF UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS FOR CITIES



Adopted the concept for a universal unique identifier for cities.

THE PATHWAY FORWARD... INCLUDES



LEVERAGING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO ENHANCE AND MODERNIZE ROMANIZATION



INCREASE MEMBER STATE ENGAGEMENT AND AWARENESS TO STRENGTHEN GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES STANDARDIZATION



ENABLE COUNTRIES TO ENHANCE THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES CAPACITY AND CAPABILITIES...



...THROUGH ADVANCING GLOBALLY AGREED FRAMEWORKS, NORMS AND STANDARDS

Standardizing Geographical Names Matters

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