

**Which countries have a national authority for geographical names?
Information from the 8th UN Conference, 2002, with later additions**

| Country (8th Conf.) | Authority? | Yr of Auth. | Name | Contact, if no Nat. Auth. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Algeria | Y | 1998 | Commission Permanente Specialisée de Toponymie | |
| Argentina | Y | 1983 | Instituto Geográfico Militar de la Republica Argentina | |
| | | 1972 | Servicio de Hidrografia Naval | |
| Australia | Y | 1985 | Committee for Geographical Names of Australasia | |
| Austria | Y | 1968 | Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kartographische Ortsnamenkunde (AKO) | |
| Bangladesh | ? | | | |
| Bhutan | N | | | Department of Survey & Land Records |
| Botswana | Y | 1967 | Botswana Place Names Commission | |
| Brunei Darussalam | Y | 1976 | Geographical Names Committee Brunei Darussalam | |
| Bulgaria | Y | 1951 | Council of Orthography and Transcription of Geographical Names | |
| Cambodia | ? | | | |
| Cameroon | N | | | Institut National de Cartographie |
| Canada | Y | 1897 | Geographical Names Board of Canada / Commission de toponymie du Canada | |
| Chile | N | | | Instituto Geográfico Militar |
| China | Y | 1977 | Administrative Areas and Geographical Names Division, Civil Affairs Ministry / China Institute of Toponymy | |
| Cote d'Ivoire | N | | | Département de l'aménagement urbain et du développement local/BNETD |
| Cyprus | Y | 1977 | Cyprus Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names | |
| Czech Republic | Y | 2001 | Commission on Geographical Names | |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | ? | | | |
| Denmark | Y | 1910 | Stednavneudvalget/The Place-Name Commission | |
| Djibouti | ? | | | |
| Estonia | Y | 1994 | Place Names Board of Estonia | |
| Finland | Y | 1975 | The Research Institute for the Languages of Finland | |
| France | Y | ? | La Commission de Toponymie de la France | |
| Germany | Y | 1959 | Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (StAGN) | |

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| Greece | N | | | Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service Hellenic Military Geographic Service |
| Guinea | N | | | Institut Géographique National |
| Hungary | Y | 1989 | Hungarian Committee on Geographical Names (Földrjzinév-bizottság) | |
| Iceland | Y | 1935 | Örnefnanefnd | |
| India | ? | | | |
| Indonesia ° | Y | 2001 | National Permanent Committee on Geographical Names | |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | Y | 2000 | Iranian Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names | |
| Ireland | Y | 1946 | The Placenames Commission | |
| Israel | Y | 1951 | Government Names Commission | |
| Italy | N | | | Istituto Geografico Militare |
| Jamaica | ? | | | |
| Japan | N | | | Geographical Survey Institute |
| Jordan | Y | 1984 | National Committee on Geographical Names | |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | N* | | | National Geographic Department |
| Latvia | N | | | State Land Service |
| Lebanon | Y | 1962 | Direction des Affaires Géographiques (DAG) | |
| Lesotho | N | | | ? |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | Y | 2000 | National Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names | |
| Lithuania | Y | 1990 | The State Commission of the Lithuanian Language | |
| Madagascar | Y | 1973 | Komitim-Pirenena Miandraikitra Ny Anaran-Tany (K.P.M.A.) | |
| Malaysia | Y | 2002 ° | National Committee for Geographical Names | |
| Mexico | N | | | Instituto Nacional de Estadística Geográfica e Informática (INEGI) |
| Mongolia | N | | | State Administration of Geodesy & Cartography |
| Morocco | N* | ? | Commission Nationale de Normalisation des Noms Géographiques (ACFCC) | |
| Mozambique | N* | | | National Directorate of Geography and Cadastre (DINAGECA) |
| Myanmar | Y | ? | National Geographical Names Authority | |
| Namibia | N* | | | Directorate of Survey & Mapping |
| Nepal | N* | | | Survey Department |

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| Netherlands | N | | | Topografische Dienst Nederland |
| New Zealand | Y | 1946 | New Zealand Geographic Board | |
| Nigeria | Y | | ? | |
| Norway | Y | 1879 | Norwegian Mapping Authority | |
| | | ? | Norwegian State Consultancy on Place-Names | |
| Oman | Y | 1983 | National Survey Authority | |
| Paraguay | ? | | | |
| Peru | ? | | | |
| Poland | N | | | Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography |
| Qatar | N | | | Ministry of Municipal Affairs |
| Republic of Korea | Y | 1958 | National Geography Institute | |
| Romania | ? | | | |
| Russian Federation | Y | 1994 | Commission of Geographical Names | |
| Samoa* | N* | | | National Mapping Section Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment |
| Sao Tome and Principe | N* | | | Direcção de Serviços Geográficos e Cadastrais |
| Saudi Arabia | N | | | Saudi Geological Survey |
| Serbia and Montenegro | N* | | | Republički Geodztski Zavod Srbije |
| Slovenia | Y | 1986 | Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names | |
| South Africa | Y | 1998 | South African Geographical Names Council | |
| Spain | N | | | Instituto Geográfico Nacional |
| Sri Lanka ^o | N | | | Survey Department |
| Sudan | Y | 1996 | Geographical Names Committee | |
| Sweden | Y | 1974 | National Land Survey | |
| Switzerland | N* | | | Federal Office of Topography |
| Syrian Arab Republic | Y | 1996 | Committee for Geographical Names | |
| | Y | 1992 | National Committee on Geographical Names | |
| Thailand | | | | |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Y | 2000 | Commission nationale pour la normalisation des noms géographiques | |
| Togo ^o | N | | | |
| Tunisia | ? | | | |
| Turkey | Y | ? | The Ministry of Interior | |
| | | ? | General Command of Mapping | |
| Uganda | Y | 1995 | Lands & Surveys Department | |
| Ukraine | Y | 1994 | National Council on Geographical Names | |
| United Arab Emirates | N* | | | Military Survey Department |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | N | | | Ordnance Survey |
| United Republic of Tanzania | Y | ? | Surveying and Mapping | |
| United States of America | Y | 1890 | U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) | |
| Uzbekistan | ? | | | |

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| Vanuatu | N* | | | Department of Land Surveys |
| Venezuela | Y | 1989 | Instituto Geográfico de Venezuela Símon Bolívar | |
| Viet Nam | Y | 2002 | General Department of Land Administration Vietnam | |
| Zambia | N | | | Zambia Survey Department |
| <i>Holy See</i> | <i>N*</i> | | | <i>Secretariat of State - 2nd Section</i> |

N* = hopefully soon

° New information since the 8th UN Conference