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Report on the Tunisian activities on geographical names

Submitted by Tunisia**

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1. Romanization system used

To establish its maps, the CNCT is using the Beyrut 1972 transcription system and the French system. The Arab system 2007 is not yet used and still under study.

- National toponymic authority
 A Decree for the creation of a National Toponymic Committee is in progress to be approved.
- 3. Participation to international toponymic events :
 - 26th UNGEGN session, Viennna, May 2011
 - 17th International seminar on sea names , Vancouver , August 2011
 - Consultative workshop on geographical names, Gaborone, Botswana, November 2011.
 - Workshop on geographical names, Johannesburg, April 2012
- 4. Realisations :
 - The CNCT won the first UNGEGN price on the toponymic contest, May 2011 . Paper entitled "A place, a toponym, a cultural heritage : The legendary story of the founding of Carthage-Byrsa",
 - Publication of this paper in English and French in the UNGEGN Bulletin N°41.