

**Twenty-third Session
Vienna, 28 March – 4 April 2006**

**Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda:
Activities relating to the Working Group on
Evaluation and Implementation**

Summary Report of UNGEGN Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation

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Summary Report of Working Group Meeting on Evaluation and Implementation

The 3rd Working Group Meeting was held in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, November 28-30, 2005. This third joint meeting was organized with the Working Group on Publicity and Funding (Convener Mr. David Munro, United Kingdom).

Six experts from Algeria, Canada, UK, Norway, Republic of Korea, and the UNGEGN Secretariat worked together on seven agenda items. At the opening of the meeting, guest speaker Prof. Kim Kihyuk from the Pusan National University in Korea gave a special lecture on “ A Brief Story of Place Names on Maps in Korea: The case of Ullung Island in East Sea”. On the second day, the participants visited the Korea National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) in Suwon City.

Participants:

Mr. Ki-Suk Lee (Republic of Korea)

Convener, Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation

Mr. David Munro (United Kingdom)

Convener, Working Group on Publicity and Funding

Ms. Helen Kerfoot (Canada) Chair, UNGEGN

Mr. Brahim Atoui (Algeria) Vice-Chair, UNGEGN

Mr. Botolv Helleland (Norway) Rapporteur

Mr. Amor Laaribi (UNGEGN Secretariat)

AGENDA

(Points to follow up on from the items on the action plan of the meeting of December 2-4, 2003, are shown in brackets next to the relevant agenda items.)

1. Welcome

2. Administrative matters (chairs, rapporteur, times, etc.)
3. Mandate, objectives, etc. of the two Working Groups
4. Some “issues” of UN/UNGEGN
 - A. Developing (and other) countries (see minutes 2F)
 - *Work to be undertaken*
 - *Participation*
 - **“Africa initiative”**
 - B. Communication/outreach (see minutes 2G)
 - *UNGEGN Bulletin*
 - *With experts, etc.*
 - *Materials for self-training*
 - C. Recognition and dissemination of UNGEGN work
 - *Publications (basic and technical manuals) – now in hand*
 - *Publications (new UNGEGN leaflet and press kit) – 2006-07*
 - *Publications – 2008-09*
 - *UNGEGN Geographical Names Database*
 - *UNGEGN website*
 - *Other – e.g. toponymic guidelines; dissemination of standardized names*
 - D. Publicity
 - *Current and future activities*
 - *Issues to address*
 - E. Ongoing UN support
 - *Funding*

- *Personnel*

F. Effective meetings (see minutes 2A-2D)

- *UNGEGN*
- *UN Conferences*

G. Effective structures (see minutes 2E)

- *Working Groups*
- *Divisions*
- *Other*

H. Funding issues

I. Resolutions (see minutes 1)

- *Implementation*
- *Future resolutions*

J. Other items for discussion

5. Reporting of the two Working Groups

A. What reports to present

B. Recommendations of the Working Groups

6. Next meeting

7. Acceptance of the report of the meeting

ANNEX 1.

Updating Mandates of the Working Groups for the UNGEGN website

The aims and objectives of the two Working Groups, as laid out on the UNGEGN website, were reviewed and revised to reflect more accurately the roles and tasks of each Working Group, as currently in hand.

Working Group on Publicity and Funding

... replace paragraph 1 with:

This Working Group was set up following the Sixth UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in 1992. Its aims are to make the activities of UNGEGN more visible and, where appropriate, to seek or help identify funds to support:

- publication and dissemination of material relevant to the advancement of geographical names standardization;
- training for the development and management of the geographical names administration;
- establishment of names authorities;
- participation of delegates in UNGEGN events and activities.

Replace first line of 4th paragraph, with:

Current tasks of the Working Group include:

Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation

Replace 3^d paragraph with:

The work plan includes an evaluation of the functioning and efficacy of UNGEGN and the implementation of resolutions; finding ways to involve member states not currently participating in UNGEGN; identifying the needs of developing countries to achieve

national standardization of their geographical names; and proposing actions to increase the effectiveness of the UN Conferences, UNGEGN and its Divisions and Working Groups.

** A copy of a detailed minute on WG meeting is available from the conveners.