

Ad-Hoc Group of Experts on  
the Standardization of  
Geographical Names

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SECOND REGIONAL MEETING ON THE STANDARDIZATION  
OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

to be held in the city of Panama  
19-23 October 1970

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Within the spirit that Regional Experts should exchange information among themselves, especially regarding Regional Meetings, following information is furnished by the Expert of the Latin American region :

1. The First Regional Meeting was held at the capital of Guatemala, within the spirit of Resolution 7 - Regional Meetings - of Geneva. Six countries and observers from the United States of America were present and 87 persons were present. With exception of one country which was represented by its ambassador, the other five countries sent their experts on geographical names cartographers, geographers and interested persons within bureaux which use geographic names, like directorates of Census, Ministries of Communications and Transport, mapping agencies, societies of geography and history, and so forth.

Discussions were enlightening and 17 important resolutions were adopted. One copy of the Final Act was brought to our present period of meetings in New York.

2. The success of said meeting was such that the Government of Panama decided to be the host country for the Second Regional Meeting on the Standardization of Geographical Names, scheduled to be held in the city of Panama from April 19 to 23, 1970. Up to now, twelve countries have expressed their wish to attend, as well as Trinidad Tobago. On March 9 and as Chairman of the First Regional Meeting, the undersigned was informed by the host country that his proposed agenda and calendar of work had been accepted, as well as that the Preparatory Commission would be appointed within these days and the required funds allocated by the Government of Panama.

3. The proposed agenda and calendar of work to be sent out by the Government of Panama together with its official invitation to attend, is as follows :

A) Proposed Agenda - Monday 19-Friday 23, October 1970

- 1- Toponymy in the teaching of Geography and History
- 2- Toponymy within cartography and methods used in the office and the field for the obtention of place names, National Names Authorities
- 3- Treatment given to geographical names of some of the minority languages within countries of the region. Related anthropological problems.
- 4- The geographic names and the Population Censuses.
- 5- Compilation of Geographical dictionaries
- 6- Glossaries of Geographical terms
- 7- Practical field demonstration of photo classification, editing and obtention of geographical names

**B) Proposed Calendar of Work**

**Monday, October 19, 1970**

9 - 11 a.m. Registration of Delegates

2 p.m. **First Preparatory Meeting**

1.- Election of officers

2.- Election of :

(a) drafting committees

(b) resolutions committees

(c) speeches on behalf of the delegates at the Inaugural Session

3.- Approval of the Agenda

4.- Approval of the Calendar of Work

5.- Approval of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting

4 p.m. **Second Preparatory Meeting**

1.- Report by the Regional Expert for Latin America of the Ad-Hoc Group of Experts on Geographical Names

2.- Report of the countries within the region (the Chairman of each delegation will give an oral summary not to exceed five minutes)

6 p.m. **Inaugural Meeting (First Plenary)**

1.- Speech by the Secretary General of the Organization of Central American States (ODECA : Organizacion de Estados Centroamericanos)

2.- Inauguration of the Meeting, in name of the Government of Panama, By

3.- Speech by the Chairman of the Central American Commission of Geography and Cartography

4.- Speech by the Speaker on behalf of the Delegates

p.m. Reception given by the Government of Panama

**Tuesday, October 20, 1970**

8.30 a.m. **First Working Meeting**

Agenda item 1

Agenda item 2

2.30 p.m. **Second Working Meeting**

Agenda item 3

Agenda item 4

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Wednesday, October 21, 1970

8.30 a.m. Third Working Meeting

Agenda item 7 (all day, includes lunch)

free evening

Thursday, October 22, 1970

8.30 a.m. Fourth Working Meeting

Agenda item 6

Agenda item 5

2.30 p.m. First working meeting of the drafting and resolutions  
Committees

--p.m. reception given by the Ambassador of Central America

Friday, October 23, 1970

8.30 a.m. Second Plenary Meeting

1.- Discussion and approval of the reports of the Drafting  
and Resolutions Committees

2.- Designation of host country and date for the Third Regional  
Meeting on the Standardization of Geographical Names

4. p.m. Third Plenary Meeting

1.- Lecture, approval and signing of the Final Act

2.- Closing speech by the Chairman of the Meeting

--p.m. Reception given by the President of the University of Panama