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Names, its divisions, working groups and task teams since the Ninth
Conference.**

News from the Portuguese-speaking Division, UNGEGN

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At the 24th Session of the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names in 2007, the Portuguese-speaking Division of UNGEGN was established to provide a mechanism for encouraging the work of the eight countries sharing the Portuguese language.

In 2009, Brazil built and provided the website of the Portuguese-speaking Division, to meet, especially the needs of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries.

The creation and maintenance of the pages were made by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics - IBGE, as part of what was agreed at the First Seminar on Geographical Names of Countries of the Community of Portuguese Language, held in December 2008, in the city of Rio de Janeiro and attended by representatives of all countries of the Lusophone community, who also participated at the III Conference on Statistics of the Commonwealth of Portuguese Speaking Countries.

The website address of the Division is: <http://www.dlpng.ibge.gov.br>

It is hoped that this discussion can channel the countries that make up the community to approach and make rich exchange of experiences on the issue of geographical names, and we can reflect together on important actions to be taken as a whole on the subject.

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