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30th UNGEGN Session and 11th UNCISG

New comers Orientation Session

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UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Session and Conference Orientation Guide



Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
United Nations Headquarters, New York
7—18 August 2017

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WELCOME

- The **UNGEGN Secretariat** welcomes you to New York, the United Nations and the **30th Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names (UNGEGN) and the 11th Conference on the Standardization of Geographical names (UNCSGN)**.
- This presentation aim to introduce delegates and observers who are attending the session and conference for the first time, to the formal procedures of a United Nations inter-governmental meeting.
- It is hoped that this presentation will assist first-time delegates and observers to have a productive and rewarding week at the United Nations headquarters.



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What is important to know?

1. The United Nations
2. Background on UNGEGN
 - Aims of the Group
 - Bureau, Working Groups and Divisions
 - Major work/agenda items
3. Your role BEFORE/DURING/AFTER Sessions
 - The New York Resource Guide
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The United Nations System

UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECURITY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL*

Subsidiary Organs

- Main Committees
- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
- **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
- **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP**² United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-Habitat**³ United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

Subsidiary Organs

- Counter-Terrorism Committee
- International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Military Staff Committee
- Peacekeeping operations and political missions
- Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- United Nations Forum on Forests

Regional Commissions⁴

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCSA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Other Bodies

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNEGN** United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Departments and Offices⁵

- EOSSC** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DPS** Department of Field Support
- DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DPM** Department of Management
- DPA** Department of Political Affairs
- DPI** Department of Public Information
- DPKO** Department of Peacekeeping Operations
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA** Office of Legal Affairs
- SAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- PSO** Peacebuilding Support Office
- SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSG/VAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children
- UNISDR** United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Research and Training

- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

- UNODC**⁶ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOG** United Nations Office at Geneva
- UN-OHRLLS** Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi
- UNOP**⁷ United Nations Office for Partnerships
- UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

Research and Training

- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD**^{8,9} United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR**¹ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS**¹ United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA**¹ United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-Women**¹ United Nations Entity for Gender Quality and the Empowerment of Women

Related Organizations

- CTBTO Preparatory Commission** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA**^{1,2} International Atomic Energy Agency
- ICC** International Criminal Court
- IOM**¹ International Organization for Migration
- ISA** International Seabed Authority
- ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- OPCW**² Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO**^{3,4} World Trade Organization

Peacebuilding Commission

HLPF High-level political forum on sustainable development

Specialized Agencies⁵

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP**⁷
 - **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - **IDA** International Development Association
 - **IFC** International Finance Corporation

Notes:

- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, Office of Administration of Justice and the Office on Sport for Development and Peace

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

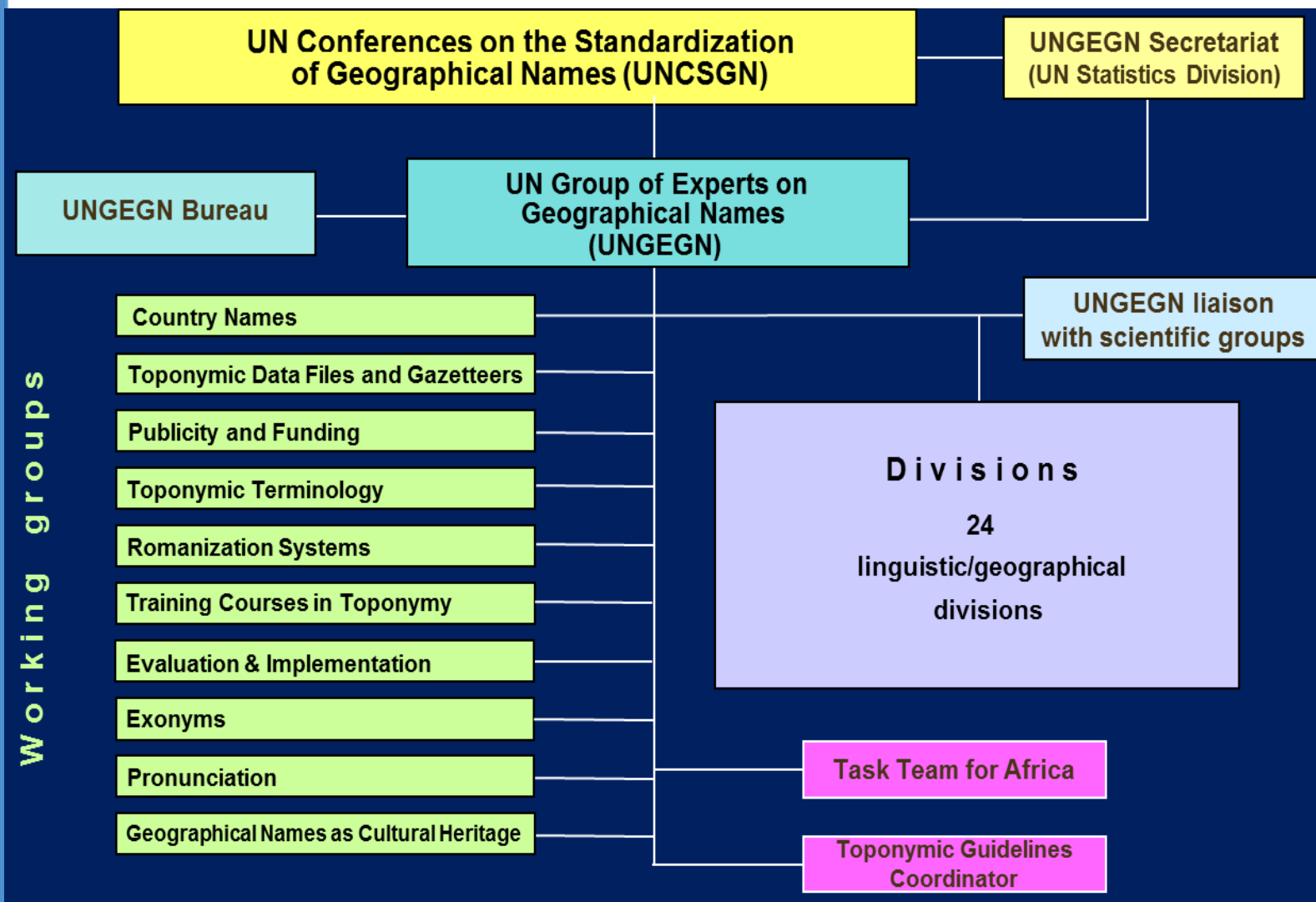


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UNGEGN Structure



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UNGEGN

- **UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names**
 - one of expert groups of ECOSOC
 - follows up on implementation of resolutions
 - provides continuity between conferences
 - convenes between conferences (2) ... 29 sessions
 - supported by a Secretariat at UNHQ (NY)
 - creates working groups to follow up on resolutions
 - has 24 geographical/linguistic divisions for grass roots work



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What UNGEGN is NOT

- Decision maker on feature names
- Point of arbitration on disputes over names
- Place to air political issues, even if they are related in some way to place names
- Decision maker on what processes, legislation or policy is correct for any country



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UN Conference/UNGEGN aims

- See national names authorities created
 - backed by legislation
 - respect local usage of names
 - collect, store and disseminate authorized names
 - for government and public use
- Develop single scientifically-based systems of romanization
- Today - encourage multi-national datasets



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UNGEGN Bureau

Officers of UNGEGN

Chairperson

- Mr. William Watt, Australia

Vice-Chairpersons

- Mr. Ferjan Ormeling, Netherlands
- Ms. Naima Friha, Tunisia

Rapporteurs

- Mr. Peder Gammeltoft, Denmark
- Mr. Trent C. Palmer, USA



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UNGEGN Divisions

1. Africa Central
2. Africa East
3. Africa South
4. Africa West
5. Arabic
6. Asia East (other than China)
7. Asia South-East
8. Asia South-West (other than Arabic)
9. Baltic
10. Celtic
11. China
12. Dutch- and German-speaking
13. East Central and South-East Europe
14. Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia
15. East Mediterranean (other than Arabic)
16. French-speaking
17. India
18. Latin America
19. Pacific South-West
20. Norden
21. Portuguese-speaking
22. Romano-Hellenic
23. United Kingdom
24. United States / Canada



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UNGEEN Liaison Organizations

1. International Cartographic Association (**ICA**)
2. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (**ICANN**)
3. International Council of Onomastic Sciences (**ICOS**)
4. International Council on Indigenous Place Names (**ICIPN**)
5. International Hydrographic Organization (**IHO**)
6. International Organization for Standardization (**ISO**) Technical Committee 211 (TC/211)
7. Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (**PAIGH**)
8. Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (**SCAR**)
9. Unicode Consortium
10. International Geographical Union (**IGU**)



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BEFORE 10th Session & 11th Conference

Participants are encouraged to:

1. Prepare country reports, technical papers, and posters
2. Identify and know the responsible officer(s) in Capital - Foreign Affairs and at your Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York
3. Logistical arrangements:-
 - Travel and accommodation
 - Securing and submitting accreditation for participation
4. Make arrangements to process for your UN grounds pass
5. Monitor the UN-GGIM website for updates and reports
6. Read the technical reports, discuss and decide on national positions and prepare statements/interventions.

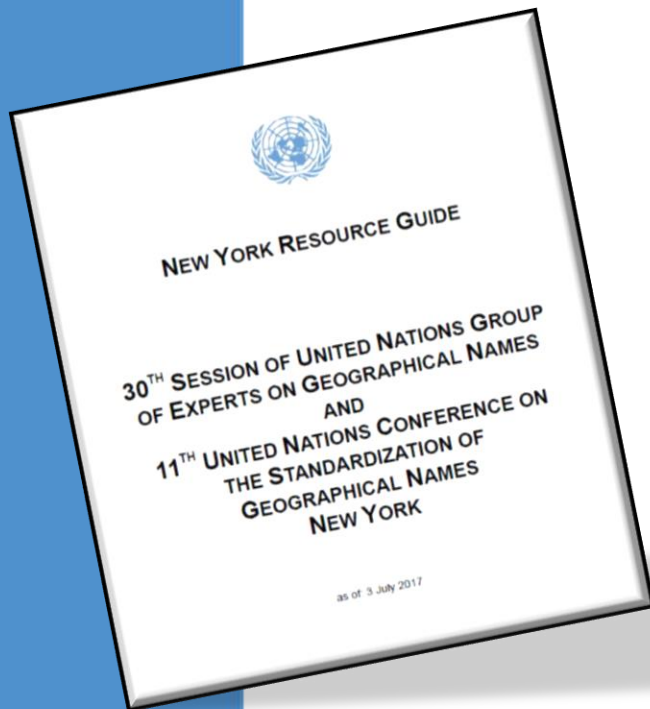


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The New York Resource Guide



The information helps to prepare you for your trip to and during your stay in New York. It covers:

1. Meeting arrangements
2. Identification Badges and Grounds Passes
3. Secretariat Contact Information
4. Working Languages of the meeting
5. General Information
 - Immigration requirements
 - Money
 - Hotels – Address and Telephone Numbers
 - Guide to Neighborhood Restaurants
 - Airports
 - Transportation – Airport and local
 - Postal Services
 - Time and Weather

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf11Add.html>

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Table of Side Events

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/docs/11th-uncsgn-docs/11th%20UNCSGN_side%20event%20table_31%20July.pdf

Wednesday, 9 August 2017

Time	CR-3 capacity: approx. 200 (for the Plenary session)	CR-B capacity: approx. 50	CR-C capacity: approx. 74
9:00 – 9:45am		<p>Working Group on Exonyms Contact: Peter Jordan (peter.jordan@oeaw.ac.at) <i>"open to all delegates"</i></p>	<p>Working Group on Training Courses on Toponymy Contact : Ferjan Ormeling (F.J.Ormeling@uu.nl) <i>"open to all delegates"</i></p>
1:15-2:00pm			<p>Meeting of the East and Central and South-East Europe Division Contact: Marija Brnot (marija.brnot@gov.si) <i>"open to all delegates"</i></p>
1:15-2:45pm		<p>5th UNGEGN-Asia South East Division Meeting Contact: Mary Jane Montemor (mjmontemor@gmail.com) <i>"by invitation only"</i></p>	
2:00-2:45pm			<p>Meeting of the Working Group on Toponymic Terminology Contact: Staffan Nyström (Staffan.nystrom@nordiska.uu.se) <i>"open to all delegates"</i></p>



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Table of Side Events

- It is important that you refer to the **Table of Side Events** for schedules and updated information of formal and informal events over the two weeks – 7-18 August, 2017
- Identify the events you wish to attend and note the times and venues. Any changes will be reflected on the web-site
- Divisional meetings, and working group meetings, may be closed to observers (unless invited to attend)
- Interpretation is not provided for the side events



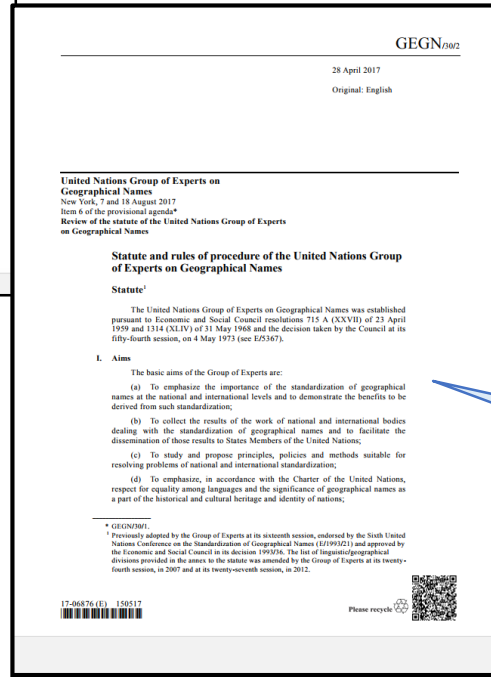
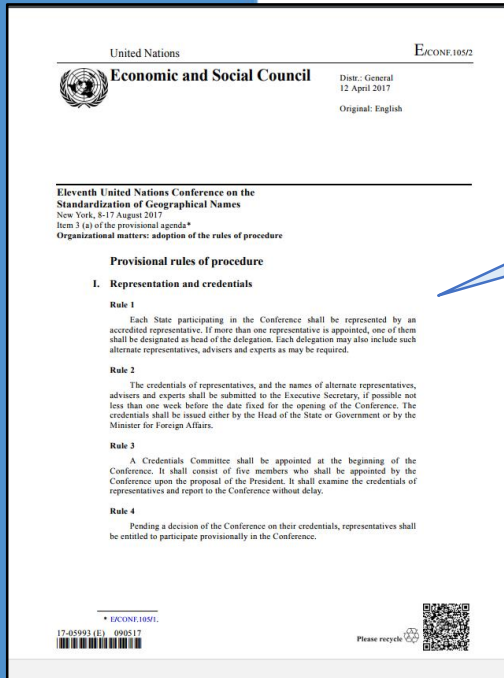
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Rules of Procedure

Rules of Procedure UNCSGN

The policies and regulations governing the meetings of the UNGEGN and UNCSGN are laid out in the Rules of Procedure. They constitute a set of procedures and conducts that ensure the proper functioning of meetings. All participants are obliged to respect these rules and follow the procedures.



Statute and Rules of Procedure UNGEGN

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Rules of Procedure UNCISG

REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

- Rules 1 to 4

OFFICERS

- Rules 6 to 8

SECRETARIAT

- Rules 9 to 11

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- Rules 12 to 24

VOTING

- Rule 25 to 34

RECORDS

- Rule 38

OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS

- Rules 44 to 46



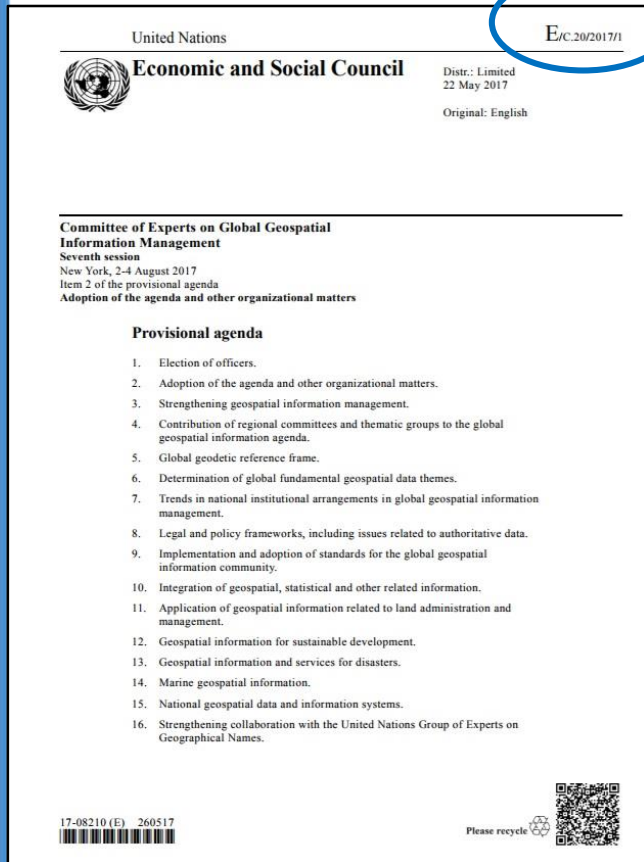
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Meeting Document Symbols

Symbol
e.g. **E/CONF.105/1**



E/CONF.105/1

E ECOSOC
/CONF.105 Conference Number, assigned to UNCSGN
/1 Document number

CRP – conference room paper
INF - Information

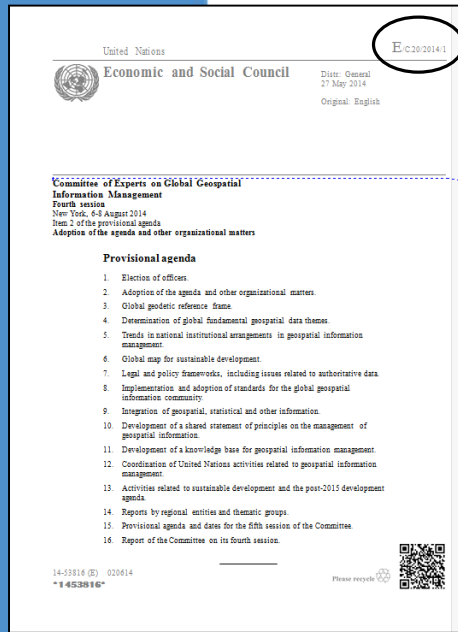


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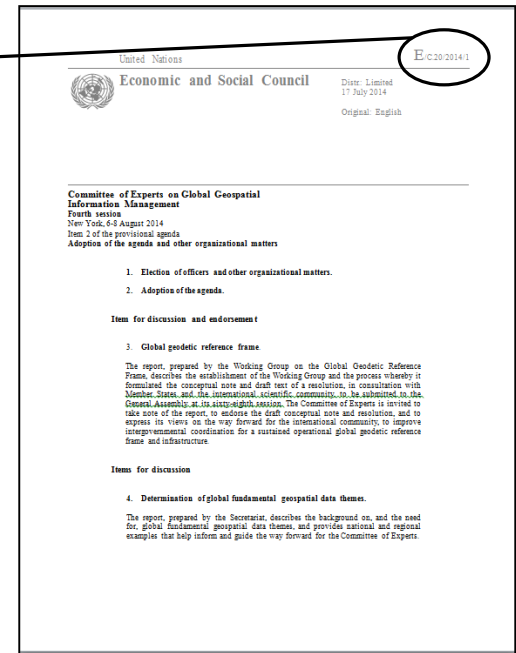
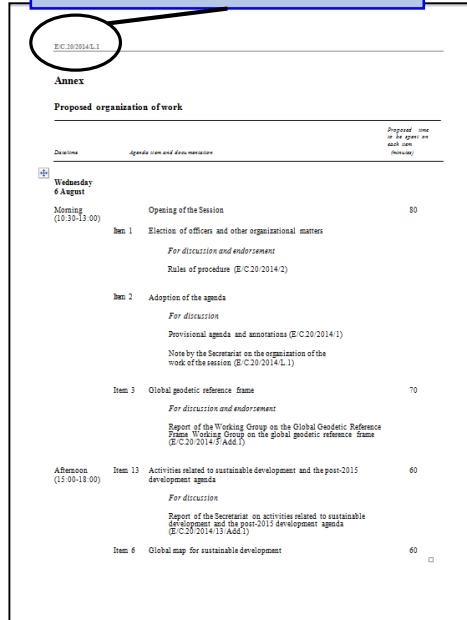
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Essential Conference documents



Symbol
e.g.
E/C.20/2017/xx



Provisional Agenda
List of all items to be considered during the session with Agenda Item numbering

Organization of work
Detailed listing of Agenda Items that will be chronologically brought before the Committee of Experts for considerations

Summaries
A brief summary for each Agenda Item.

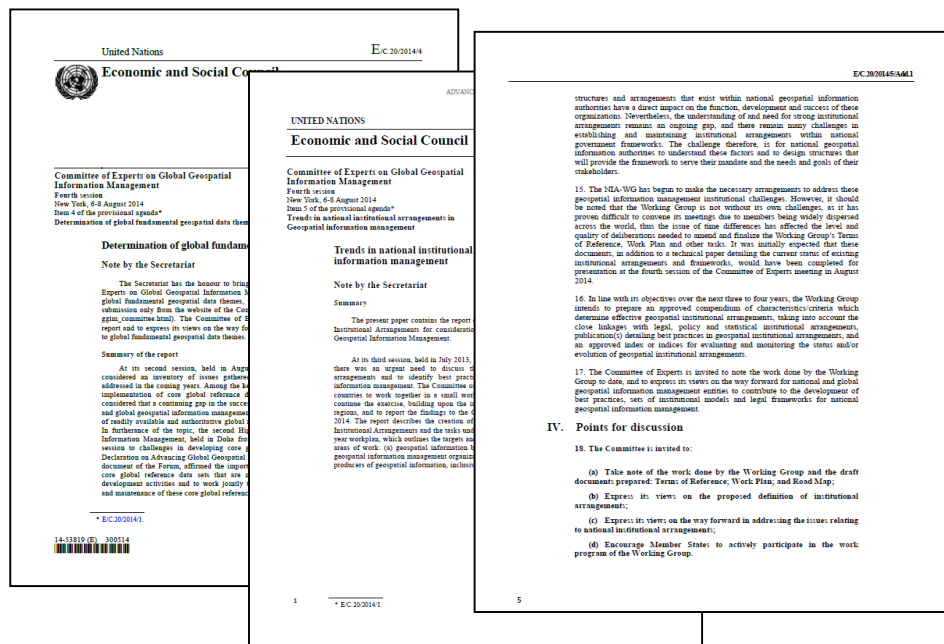
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Reports and Background Documents

Reports are prepared by working groups, divisions, Member States or secretariat as appropriate. They are available on the Session /Meeting webpages. Document as listed, has a document number/symbol, a title and may have a summary. All Summaries for are available in all six official UN languages. Reports documents are only available in its original language of submission, usually English.



Participants are encouraged to read all documents and identify issues to be discussed.

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DURING the 11TH Conference

Participants are encouraged to:

- Contact your Permanent Mission in New York
- Become acquainted with the UNCSGN work items
- Actively contribute to the Technical Committees through statements and interventions
- Share your experiences, ideas and solutions
- Be short and concise in your interventions
- Identify working groups in which to participate

Why it is important to actively participate:

- An ideal forum for networking
- Recharge technically and reconnect with experts
- Let your country's achievements and requirements be known



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DURING the 11TH Conference

To indicate an interest to speak:

- Press the button under the microphone in front of you.
- A green light under the microphone means that you are in the queue to speak.
- Once given the floor by the Chair/President, you should press the button once again to indicate to the sound engineer your readiness to speak and the green light will turn red which means that the microphone is activated.



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YOUR role BETWEEN Conferences

Participants are encouraged to:

- Contribute to advancing the **UNGEGN work programme**
 - Communicate nationally the decisions from the UNCSGN
 - Advocate and implement nationally the policies and decisions
 - Actively engage with your Divisions:- activities
- Participate in UNGEGN meetings and working groups
- Contribute your documents, national experiences etc. to the UNGEGN databases, maintained by the Secretariat and Working Groups
- Monitor the UNGEGN website for latest geographical activities

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/default.html>

- Tweet at **@UNSD_GEGN**



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