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Item 19 of the agenda\*

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
EIGHTH CONFERENCE

Proposed Provisional Agenda for the  
Eighth United Nations Conference on the  
Standardization of Geographical Names

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EIGHTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE  
STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note:

The headings "Plenary, Committee 1", etc. as well as the notes "previously item..." will be deleted in the version approved by the Seventh Conference.

Plenary

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Election of the President of the Conference
3. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda
  - (c) Election of officers other than the President
  - (d) Organization of work
  - (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference
4. Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Seventh Conference
5. Reports by Divisions of the Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the situation in their Divisions and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Seventh Conference
6. Meetings and conferences: (previously item 13)
  - (a) United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names:
  - (b) Divisional and interdivisional meetings and programmes:
  - (c) National names meetings, conferences and symposia;
  - (d) International names meetings, conferences and symposia
7. Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names  
(previously item 8)
8. Economic and social benefits of the national and international standardization of geographical names (previously item 18)

Committee 1

9. National standardization: (previously item 5)
- (a) Field collection of names;
  - (b) Office treatment of names;
  - (c) Treatment of names in multilingual areas;
  - (d) Administrative structure of national names authorities;
  - (e) Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors
10. Exonyms
11. Reports on programmes to assist with pronunciation of names
12. Toponymic education and practice:  
(previously items 14 (a) and (b))
- (a) Existing education and practice
  - (b) Training courses in toponymy

Committee II

13. Toponymic data files: (previously item 6)
- (a) Data collection procedures
  - (b) Data elements required;
  - (c) Toponymic data transfer standards and formats;
  - (d) Automated data-processing (ADP) systems;
  - (e) Compatibility and structure of systems;
  - (f) National gazetteers;
  - (g) Other publications.
14. Terminology in the standardization of geographical names  
(previously item 7)

Committee III

15. Features beyond a single sovereignty: (previously item 11)
- (a) Policies, procedures and cooperative arrangements;
  - (b) Features common to two or more nations;

16. Writing systems: (previously item 12)
  - (a) Romanization;
  - (b) Conversion into non-Roman writing systems;
  - (c) Writing of names in unwritten languages
17. Toponymic education and practice and international cooperation:
  - (a) Exchange of advice and information;
  - (b) Exchange of personnel;
  - (c) Technical assistance;
  - (d) Cooperation with national organizations;
  - (e) Cooperation with international organizations;
  - (f) Cooperation with public information media
18. Toponymic Web Sites
19. Country Names

Plenary

20. Arrangements for the Ninth Conference
21. Adoption of the report of the Conference
22. Adoption of resolutions drafted during the Conference
23. Closing of the Conference