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Issues of toponymic standardization

**South African: Appointment of the South African
Geographical Names Council ***

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Res. V-15: Establishment of national geographical names authorities

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The Minister of Arts and Culture appointed the new South African Geographical Names Council(SAGNC) because the three year term of the council had expired in October 2010. As required by the South African Geographical Names Act, the Minister in consultation with the SAGNC appointed a new Chairperson.

The past year saw the SAGNC recommending to the Minister standardization of some geographical feature and mostly the correction of spelling for a number of geographical features in theKwaZulu Natal Province and change of geographical names feature in Mpumalanga Province (see the list of approved names).