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Situation of the standardization of geographical names in Cameroon and progress made since the Ninth Conference

Summary**

Within the framework of the tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Cameroon has presented a report, which focuses on the progress achieved in the standardization of place names in the country. A geographical name authority was established in 1968 but has never been operational. As a result, several non-formal structures share the management of place names.

The report also presents some achievements made in this area since the previous Conference held in 2007. They are centred on the following:

- Efforts to reactivate the National Commission on Toponymy
- Sensitization of Government bodies and universities regarding the standardization of geographical names
- Organization, in 2010, of a training course on geographical names, in collaboration with the United Nations Expert Group on Geographical Names
- Ongoing project on the creation of a file on localities

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