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The main activities of Tunisia on the standardization of geographical names since the 10th UNCSGN have been essentially characterized by the creation of a national toponymic authority and the holding of a regional toponymic training course, besides to the participation to some events related to the field of the geographical names. In the following, more details about those topics are given:

1. Creation of a National Committee of Toponymy:

Following the recommendations and resolutions of the UNGEGN and to solve the geographical names issues in the country, a National Committee of Toponymy (NCT) was created by the Decree No.1299 issued on 26 February 2013.

2. Regional training course:

Organized by the National Centre for Cartography and Remote Sensing of Tunisia in collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts (UNGEGN) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) a regional workshop on geographical names was held from 12-16 January 2015 in Tunis for the benefit of the members of the committee and to which participated experts from Algeria, Burkina Faso and Botswana.

3. Participation to national and international toponymic meetings:

Presentations and statements on the importance of the standardization of geographical names and the role of UNGEGN have been made during the following events:

At national level:
- GEOTUNIS 2013 (8-12 April 2013): "The geographic infrastructure to establish sustainable development".
- GEOTUNIS 2017 (25-29 April 2017): "the role of Gis, Geospace Applications and Geographical names in achieving sustainable development"

At regional/International levels/In the frame of cooperation UNGEGN/UNGGIM:
- 6th Meeting of the Committee of Director -Generals of National Statistics Offices: 30 Nov- 2 Dec 2012
  Yamoussoukro - Côte d’Ivoire,
- 3rd High Level Forum of GGIM: 22-24 October 2014, Beijing-China,
- 6th Arab Conference on Geographical Names 10-13 July 2012, Amman-Jordan
-28th UNGEGN session: 28 April-2nd May 2014, New York,
- UNGGIM -Africa : 10-12 December 2014 Tunis-Tunisia.

4. Participation to the WG Implementation/Evaluation and WG Publicity/Funding/ WG Cultural Heritage:

- Seoul-Republic of Korea: 4-6 July 2013,
- Copenhagen-Danemark: 10-12 September 2015,

5. Others:

- Participation to the 44, 48 and 50 UNGEGN Bulletins.
- Participation to UNGEGN teleconferences where several issues related to the UNGEGN activities have been discussed with a special focus on "UNGEGN new Operational Modalities and Relationship with UN-GGIM".

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