HOW DOES UNGEGN WORK?

The diagram below summarizes the modus operandi of UNGEGN. Supported by a Secretariat provided by the United Nations Statistics Division, and its Bureau (consisting of a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and two Rapporteurs), UNGEGN reports to the UN Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names held at five-yearly intervals. UNGEGN meets formally on two occasions between Conferences and in addition works on names standardization through Working Groups and Special task teams, as well as through Divisions, which are groups of countries with common interests based on geography or language. To interact with other scientific organizations, UNGEGN has appointed a number of liaison officers.

**UN Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UNCSGN)**

**UNGEGN Secretariat**

**UNGEGN Bureau**

**UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names**

**Country Names**
**Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers**
**Publicity and Funding**
**Toponymic Terminology**
**Romanization Systems**
**Training Courses in Toponymy**
**Evaluation & Implementation**
**Etonyms**
**Pronunciation**
**Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage**

**Divisions**
24 linguistic/geographical divisions

**Task Team for Africa**

**Toponymic Guidelines Coordinator**

**UNGEGN Divisions:** Africa Central; Africa East; Africa South; Africa West; Arabic; Asia East (other than China); Asia South-East; Asia South-West (other than Arabic); Baltic; Celtic; China; Dutch- and German-speaking; East Central and South-East Europe; Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia; East Mediterranean (other than Arabic); French-speaking; India; Latin America; Norden; Pacific South-West; Portuguese-speaking; Romano-Hellenic; United Kingdom; United States/Canada.