

Working group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage

Meeting in Bangkok, April 29, 2016

Venue: UNCC, Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Agenda:

1. Opening of the working group meeting
2. Organization
 - Co-convenors: Ms. Annette Torensjö, Mr. Leif Nilsson
 - Steering group
 - Current: Mr. Peder Gammeltoft, Mr. Sungjae Choo, Mr. Teemu Leskinen, Ms. Naima Friha, Mr. Michel Simeu Kamdem, Ms. Eman Orieby
 - Rapporteur: Ms. Leila Mattfolk
3. Organization of work
 - meetings
 - focus groups
 - website
 - communication
4. Topics
 - Suggestions from WG-meeting in Copenhagen, September 2015:
 - Geographical names used by minorities
 - Geographical names as cultural heritage
 - Legislation and policies
 - Fieldwork and the registration of names
 - Presentation of good practices, e.g., the Guide to the field collection of native geographical names (Provisional Edition), 1992, by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
 - http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2011/rncan-nrcan/M86-29-1992-eng.pdf
 - The inclusion of urban names
 - The importance of a common feature classification
 - Research on geographical names as cultural heritage
 - Commemorative names
 - The commercialization of geographical names
5. Workplan

Current:
The WG will set up focus groups in order to be able to allocate tasks to the different experts within the WG.

The WG will build up a website, on which documents prepared by the WG will be published, and where examples of good naming practices will be put forward. The website will also make guidelines available (e.g., regarding commemorative naming). The convenors of the WG invite experts to contribute good examples.
6. Other aspects
7. Next meeting
8. Closing of the meeting