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Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda

Activities relating to the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy

Important achievement after the training of trainers in toponymy in Madagascar

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The Training of trainers held in Antananarivo, Madagascar, in June 2013 organized by the Malagasy government, in collaboration with the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy and the financial assistance of the United Nations Statistical Divisions continues to register results that show the importance of such training: apart from multiplication of workshops to raise awareness on geographical names standardization and other achievements noted by participating countries, the example of Burundi is almost impressive. Stimulated by what he received from the training, the representative of this country didn't wait for anyone to convince the authorities, he succeeded in this so that Burundi is expecting to put in place a national committee on geographical names this year!

Thus, we felicitate the WGTCT for that significant result and we encourage the continuation of such training.

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