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cooperation: training courses in toponymy**

Training courses in toponymy (Enschede, Frankfurt am Main and Berlin, 11 August-6 September 2002)

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Summary

A four-week training course in toponymy is to be held from 11 August to 6 September 2002. During the first week, it will be held in Enschede, Netherlands; during the second week, it will be held in Frankfurt am Main, Germany; and during the third and fourth weeks, the participants will attend the Eighth Conference and the twenty-first session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) in Berlin. Twenty-four trainees are expected to participate in the course.

The course has been organized, in cooperation with the Dutch- and German-speaking Division of UNGEGN, by a group established at the Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy in Frankfurt am Main. It is being sponsored jointly by the Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat, the Government of the Netherlands and the Government of Germany. It is intended mainly for younger professionals from developing countries. The course covers both the theory of toponymy and practical work, such as field collection of geographical names and their presentation in gazetteers and databases. Participation in the Eighth Conference and the twenty-first session of UNGEGN should provide the participants with experience in the work on international standardization of geographical names, as recommended by the United Nations, and should enable them to establish international contacts.

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