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1. Advancing national standardization
 2. Publishing and communicating our results
 3. Outreach to Africa
 4. Connecting with other scientific and standardization organizations
 5. Establishing and improving our operations

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50	2017	4	Documenting a future operational model for UNCSGN/UNGEGN	A new model suitable for the coming years to be tabled at the 11th UNCSGN	A document and resolution to be presented
49	2017	1	Production of an advanced online training manual	Contributions from different authors covering a variety of aspects of	Over thirty chapters to be included on technical and cultural issues
48	2016	4	Establishing a working model for cooperation with UNGGIM	Developing collaboration at various levels - from UNGEGN Bureau to national	Building bridges between the two UN organizations; first joint UNGEGN/UNGGIM Bureaus
47	2016	2	"Completion" of loading all past UNGEGN and UNCSGN documents on the website	Follow through of resolution VII/14, 1998	Some 1700 UNGEGN and 2350 UNCSGN documents are now online
46	2016	5	Holding the first UNGEGN session in Asia; with first webcast of an UNGEGN session Production of the UNGEGN Media Kit	29th UNGEGN Session, Bangkok - with livestreamed video available 12 information sheets, including functioning of UNGEGN and need for standardization in a changing world	Participation of 167 experts from 22/24 divisions of UNGEGN Presented in UNGEGN folder; also translated into Korean, Portuguese
45	2012	2			
44	2012	1	First UNGEGN web-based toponymy training GAP (2011) presented to Directors General of National Institutes of Statistics in	Course created by Convenor of the WG on Training courses in toponymy, in GAP and future plans were first discussed by the Task Team for Africa in	Study units can be accessed and downloaded free of charge GAP endorsed (E.vii) in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire report recommendations
43	2012	3	Yamoussoukro UNGEGN exhibition and lunch-time presentations to 1st High Level UNGGIM Forum,	Follow up in 2014 by statement on UNGEGN at 3rd High Level Forum on UNGGIM in Beijing	UNGEGN Bureau members made new/renewed contacts among UNGGIM delegates
42	2011	4	Seoul		
41	2011	3	UNECA-sponsored symposium re UNGEGN's work in Africa held in Gaborone, Botswana	Gaborone Action Plan (GAP) developed and presented to StatCom-Africa III in	GAP accepted by StatCom and documented in the report
40	2011	4	Initiation of an IGU/ICA commission on toponymy	Preparatory meetings initiated at 26th UNGEGN session, Vienna	Subsequently toponymy sessions held at ICA and IGU conferences
39	2010	2	Launch of an online database of UNCSGN resolutions Initial move to cooperate with the embryonic UNGGIM	First database established with English language resolutions; later also in French Second Preparatory Meeting of UNGGIM, New York - countries and professional organizations represented	Sponsored by NGII, Republic of Korea Overview of UNGEGN mandate and activities presented
38	2010	4			
37	2009	3	Holding the first UNGEGN session in Africa; first essay/poem contest for Africa - second held in 2011	25th UNGEGN session, Nairobi; participation of 138 experts from 22/23 UNGEGN divisions	Contest winners: 2009 Dem. Rep. of Congo, Algeria, Egypt; 2011 Tunisia, Egypt, Cameroon
36	2009	2	Printing of material to promote UNGEGN's work	Materials such posters, postcards, bookmarks have been used, 2009-2014	For example, postcards promoting work in Nairobi, Vienna, New York
35	2007	2	Publication of UNGEGN technical manual	Technical reference manual for the standardization of geographical names	Romanization systems; data transfer standards, country names
34	2006	5	Introduction of "Special presentations" at UNGEGN sessions & UNCSGN Publication of UNGEGN basic manual	Initiated at the 23rd UNGEGN session, Vienna Manual for the National Standardization of Geographical Names, with part built on <i>World Cartography Vol. XVIII</i>	Panel on Africa; UNGEGN database; digital environment; ISO TC211 National programmes; selected readings; in six UN languages
33	2006	2			
32	2004	2	Creation of the online UNGEGN World Geographical Names Database Initiation of a Task Team for Africa to encourage toponymic standardization in African countries	Resulting from 22nd UNGEGN Session and resolution IX/6, 2007 Task Team participated in organizing training courses, and the creation of national names authorities	Multilingual, multiscriptural database of countries and major cities The Task Team promotes the role of toponyms in cultural heritage in Africa
31	2004	3			
30	2002	5	Short presentations of country projects given at coffee breaks at UNCSGN First training course in association with a UN Conference; in Enschede, Frankfurt and 8th Conference	Presentations made in conjunction with the technical exhibition, 8th UNCSGN, 20 participants from 17 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe	20 15-minute presentations made; 40 posters submitted 2009: first course held in conjunction with UNGEGN session, Nairobi
29	2002	1			
28	2002	2	Launching of the UNGEGN website	Online in April, see E/CONF.94/CRP.41	Had documents re UNCSGN, UNGEGN, WGs, Divisions and links
27	2002	2	Publication of the new Glossary of terms Publication: National and International Standardization, <i>Onoma</i> 35, 11 papers by UNGEGN experts	Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names Liaison with onomasticians in ICOS led to the dedication of an issue of their journal to geographical names	Containing 375 terms in six UN languages; addendum in 2007 UNGEGN's work promoted by ICOS presentations / linguists contribute to UNGEGN
26	2001	2	Publication of UNGEGN brochure promoting standardization: <i>Consistent use of place names</i> ; in 6 UN languages	Second brochure, 2007, <i>Geographical names as vital keys for accessing information in our globalized and digital world</i>	First brochure translations: Czech, Farsi, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Turkish
25	2001	2			
24	1996	2	UNGEGN handbook published	United Nations documents on geographical names	Produced in South Africa: statute, rules, resolutions, glossary, romanization
23	1993	5	Major rewrite of the Aims, Functions and Modus Operandi to be more pro-active First toponymy training course in sub-Saharan Africa held in Pretoria, South Africa	Developed in 15th and 16th UNGEGN sessions; approved by UNCSGN and Organized by HSRC and the University of Pretoria; two-week programme of lectures, practical exercises and field work	Still the basis of 2016 text, which has minor changes only Further courses in S. Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, Madagascar, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Cameroon
22	1992	1			
21	1990	2	National geographical names standardization published in UN's <i>World Cartography</i>	"Organization and functions of a national geographical names standardization programme: a manual"	In <i>Vol. XXI</i> , author: Donald J. Orth (USA)
20	1988	2	First issue of the semi-annual <i>UNGEGN Newsletter</i> - later the <i>UNGEGN Bulletin</i>	Based on resolution V/24, 1987; includes training, new publications, regional meetings, major name decisions	The <i>Bulletin</i> now includes photos and various thematic topics

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19	1987	2	First compendium of all UNCSGN resolutions organized by subject	Resolutions from conferences 1 to 4; with 5 and subsequent conferences added later, using 26 categories	Initiated by the UNGEGN Secretariat; was maintained by Canada in E and F
18	1986	2	Nine "technical studies" published in UN's <i>World Cartography</i>	World Cartography, Vol. XVIII; authors from Netherlands, Austria, USA	54 pages and report of the 11th session; publication: ST/ESA/SER.L/18
17	1986	2	First comprehensive list of country names	Produced in official languages and UN languages (WP 45, 12th UNGEGN session)	Produced by the Working Group on Country Names, led by France
16	1985	1	First UNGEGN toponymy training course in Africa held in Rabat, Morocco	One week course in French, primarily for the Arabic Division; 118 participants	Further courses subsequently offered in Northern Africa in Algeria, Tunisia, Sudan
15	1984	2	UNGEGN glossary of terms published by UN	Glossary No. 330: Technical Terminology employed in the standardization of	Initially 115 entries; two updates were published, to include 175 terms
14	1982	1	First UNGEGN toponymy training course	Two-week pilot programme led by Ferjan Ormeling Snr with BAKOSURTANAL in	29 participants from 8 countries of ASEPSW Division; lecturers from 8 countries
13	1982	1	First time on Conference agenda: Economic and social benefits of geographical names standardization	Two papers : E/CONF.74/L.18 (Josef Breu, Austria); E/CONF.74/L.119 (Dirk Blok, Netherlands and H.A.G. Lewis, UK)	5th Conference, 1987, added mention of technical and cultural benefits (Alain Vallières, Canada)
12	1979	1	Initiation of "Toponymic Guidelines for Map and Other Editors for International Use"	First guidelines were prepared for Austria, by Josef Breu (WP 5); guidelines for ~40 countries prepared by 2016	Included languages, authorities, source materials, glossary
11	1979	4	Observers from international scientific organizations first attend UNGEGN sessions	Later appointment of liaison officers, e.g. with IHO, SCAR, ICOS, ICA, PAIGH,	Some UN agencies (e.g. UPU, FAO) had participated since 1st Conference
10	1977	4	Development of guidelines and forms to propose names of undersea features - provided to IHO	Following up resolution II/23, 1972; resolution III/22, 1977	UNGEGN Working Group subsequently disbanded; liaison officer retained
9	1972	5	First UNGEGN Divisions formed	At Second Conference, London; resolution II/4; based on 14 divisions established at 2nd session, 1970	Over time expanded to 24 divisions; countries can belong to more than one
8	1972	5	Establishment of "UNGEGN", using this name	Resolution II/3 at Second Conference, London	Now continuing body and one of ECOSOC's standing expert bodies
7	1972	5	First UNCSGN hosted by a UN Member State	UNCSGN held in London; subsequently three other conferences have been hosted by Member States	1977 in Athens; 1987 in Montréal; 2002 in Berlin
6	1970	5	First Working Groups formed	For Names of undersea features, Single romanization systems, and Extraterrestrial topographic names	Working Groups met during & between sessions; disbanded if work completed
5	1970	5	Early discussion of Aims, Functions and Modus Operandi of Ad Hoc Group of Experts	Stemming from 1959 ECOSOC resolution	They considered forming divisions, election of officers, experts, meetings, etc.
4	1967	1	Writing of basic resolution on names standardization at First UN Conference	Resolution I/4 re national names authorities; names collection; office treatment; multilingual areas; gazetteers	Basic principles expressed continue to be fundamental today
3	1967	5	First UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names	Geneva; formed Ad Hoc Group of Experts (ECOSOC 1314 (XLIV)) for continuous	111 representatives and observers from 55 countries
2	1960	5	First meeting of Experts	For two weeks at UNHQ New York, Chair: Meredith Burrill (USA); 21	Six member discussion group from: USA, France, UK, Iran, Guatemala, China
1	1959	5	ECOSOC resolution creating a working group on geographical names standardization	ECOSOC resolution 715 A (XXVII)	Discussed earlier, e.g. ECOSOC, 6th Sess., 1948; Reg Carto Conf Asia & Pacific, 1955