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**Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries  
and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical  
names since the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference (for distribution only).**

**Report on the Tunisian activities on geographical names  
2012-2017**

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# **Report on the Tunisian activities on geographical names 2012-2017**

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The main activities of Tunisia on the standardization of geographical names since the 10th UNCSGN have been essentially characterized by the creation of a national toponymic authority and the holding of a regional toponymic training course, besides to the participation to some events related to the field of the geographical names. In the following, more details about those topics are given:

## **1. Creation of a National Committee of Toponymy:**

Following the recommendations and resolutions of the UNGEGN and to solve the geographical names issues in the country, a National Committee of Toponymy (NCT) was created by the Decree No.1299 issued on 26 February 2013.

## **2. Regional training course:**

Organized by the National Centre for Cartography and Remote Sensing of Tunisia in collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts (UNGEGN) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

a regional workshop on geographical names was held from 12-16 January 2015 in Tunis for the benefit of the members of the committee and to which participated experts from Algeria, Burkina Faso and Botswana.

## **3. Participation to national and international toponymic meetings:**

Presentations and statements on the importance of the standardization of geographical names and the role of UNGEGN have been made during the following events,.

### At national level:

- GEOTUNIS 2013 (8-12 April 2013): "*The geographic infrastructure to establish sustainable development*".
- GEOTUNIS 2017 (25-29 April 2017): "*the role of Gis, Geospace Applications and Geographical names in achieving sustainable development*"

### At regional/ International levels/In the frame of cooperation UNGEGN/UNGGIM:

- 6th Meeting of the Committee of Director -Generals of National Statistics Offices: 30 Nov- 2 Dec 2012  
Yamoussoukro - Côte d'Ivoire,
- 3rd High Level Forum of GGIM: 22-24 October 2014, Beijing-China,
- 6th Arab Conference on Geographical Names 10-13 July 2012, Amman-Jordan
- 28th UNGEGN session: 28 April-2nd May 2014, New York,
- UNGGIM -Africa : 10-12 December 2014 Tunis-Tunisia.

## **4. Participation to the WG Implementation/Evaluation and WG Publicity/Funding/ WG Cultural Heritage:**

- Seoul-Republic of Korea: 4-6 July 2013,
- Copenhagen- Denmark: 10-12 September 2015,
- Innsbruck-Austria: 19-22 April 2017.

## **5. Others:**

- Participation to the 44, 48 and 50 UNGEGN Bulletins.

- Participation to UNGEGN teleconferences where several issues related to the UNGEGN activities have been discussed with a special focus on "UNGEKN new Operational Modalities and Relationship with UN-GGIM".

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