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Arrangements for the Twelfth Conference

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President of the Conference.
3. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the President;
 - (d) Organization of work;
 - (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
4. Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Eleventh Conference.¹
5. Reports on the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, its divisions, working groups and task teams since the Eleventh Conference.
6. Report on collaboration between the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.
7. National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications.
8. Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits.

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9. National standardization:
 - (a) Field collection of names;
 - (b) Office treatment of names;
 - (c) Treatment of names in multilingual areas;
 - (d) Administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures;
 - (e) Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors.
 10. Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity (including indigenous, minority and regional language names).
 11. Exonyms.
 12. Toponymic data files and gazetteers:
 - (a) Content requirements and standards;
 - (b) Data management and interoperability;
 - (c) Data services, applications and products (including gazetteers and web services).
 13. Terminology in the standardization of geographical names.
 14. Writing systems and pronunciation:
 - (a) Romanization;
 - (b) Conversion into non-Roman writing systems;
 - (c) Writing of names in unwritten languages;
 - (d) Pronunciation.
 15. Country names.
 16. Toponymic education.
 17. Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation:
 - (a) Features common to two or more nations;
 - (b) Bilateral and multilateral agreements.
 18. Arrangements for the Thirteenth Conference.
 19. Adoption of resolutions of the Conference.
 20. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
 21. Closing of the Conference.
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