**United Nations Group of Experts On
Geographical Names
First session**
New York, 29 April – 3 May 2019

**Draft agenda for the first session of the United Nations Group of
Experts on Geographical Names**

1. Opening of the session.

2. Election of officers.

3. Organizational matters:

    (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;

    (b) Adoption of the agenda;

    (c) Organization of work, including establishment of
    subsidiary bodies;

    (d) Credentials of representatives.

4. Reports of the Chair and the Secretariat.

5. Reports:

    (a) Governments on the situation in their countries and on the
    progress made in the standardization of geographical
    names;

    (b) Divisions of the Group of Experts;

    (c) Working Group on Country Names;

    (d) National and international meetings and conferences.

6. Cooperation and liaison with other organizations:

    (a) International organizations;

    (b) Economic Commission for Africa and Committee of
    Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

7. National and international standardization of geographical
names:

    (a) Names collection, office treatment, national authorities,
    features beyond a single sovereignty and international
    cooperation;

    (b) Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors for
    international use.

8. Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable
development, measures taken and proposed for the
implementation of resolutions and evaluation of the work of
the Group of Experts (Working Group on Evaluation and
Implementation).

9. Issues of publicity for the Group of Experts and funding of Group projects (Working Group on Publicity and Funding).

10. Activities on national standardization in Africa (Task Team for Africa).

11. Toponymic education (Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy).

12. Toponymic terminology (Working Group on Toponymic Terminology).

13. Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity, including indigenous, minority and regional languages and multilingual issues (Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage).

14. Exonyms (Working Group on Exonyms).

15. Toponymic data files and gazetteers (data processing and tools, database management, data dissemination: products and services) (Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers).

16. Writing systems and pronunciation (Working Group on Romanization Systems).

17. Other toponymic issues.

18. Arrangements for the second session of the Group.

19. Other business.

20. Presentation and adoption of decisions.

21. Adoption of the report.

22. Election of officers of the second session.

23. Closing of the session.

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