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Map Africa 2010 was scheduled from November 23 – 25, 2010 at Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the conference was "*Geospatial Readiness for Building Africa*" which was aimed at highlighting the significant role of geospatial technologies in the areas which are considered as the building blocks of a nation, like infrastructure & utilities, cadastral mapping, land information management system (LIS), land policies, mining & exploration, emergency management etc.

As a part of the technical agenda of the conference, **South African Geographical Names Council (SAGNC), Department of Arts & Culture, South Africa,** organized a session on the Standardization of Geographical Names with the aim of encouraging other African countries to establish national standardizing authorities for their respective countries. The session was well attended by most African Countries who committed themselves to revive UNGEGEN activities within their respective regions.