

EXERCISE 1: RESPONSIBILITY OF STANDARDIZING NAMES

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The role of UNGEGN is one of creating awareness of the need for standardization of geographical names, so that these names can play the role of links between humankind and the topographical objects or features around it, and a role of links between different geospatial datasets. However, not all geographical names are considered to fall under this mission. Some name categories that were addressed in the first conference are no longer dealt with, and inversely, some name categories not dealt with at the beginning are now being addressed. In the resolutions of UNGEGN, especially under the headings 5 and 17-23 you will also find clues. Have a look at the agendas of the first conferences, and try to find groups of names not longer addressed by UNGEGN. This prior preoccupation with name categories no longer addressed is also reflected in subjects of the working groups. Who has taken over the responsibility of standardizing the names no longer cared for by UNGEGN?

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