

3. SOME MAJOR GOALS / DREAMS

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- Every country having some form of authority for geographical names
- Standardized ("authorized") forms of names nationally recognized and used
- All authorized names easily available and accessible for international use
- All languages/writing systems having a standardized conversion to Roman orthography

Some areas of common interest

- Field collection of locally used names (resolving questions of recording and writing)
- Names authorities and standardization processes
- Disseminating data - gazetteers, digital files, data transfer standards, world wide web ...
- Developing national toponymic guidelines for international cartographic use
- Conventional names and exonyms



UNGEGN

- ◆ UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names
 - ◆ follows up on implementation of resolutions
 - ◆ convenes between conferences (2)
 - ◆ has held 23 sessions
 - ◆ supported by a Secretariat at UNHQ (NY)
 - ◆ creates working groups to follow up on resolutions
 - ◆ has 23 geographical/linguistic divisions for grass roots work
 - ◆ UNGEGN bureau



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