



# Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers (WG TDFG) of UNGEGN

Meeting in Brussels, BE

12 October 2018

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Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG)

**United Nations Group of Experts  
On Geographical Names (UNGEGN)**

Promoting the collection, standardization and dissemination of geographical names



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- Decisions by 11th UNCSGN /30th UNGEGN in NY 2017

Task	Report	Responsibility	Status
3. In working paper No. 1, the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers reported on its activities for 2016 and 2017. [...] <b>General progress against the work plan and future activities of the Working Group were noted.</b>	30th UNGEGN	general	No action needed
32. Special note was made of the world geographical names database of the Group of Experts and experts were <b>encouraged to contribute to the collection of information for the database.</b>	30th UNGEGN	general	Continuous contributions by the Member States



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- Decisions by the WG at the meeting in NY 2017

Task	Responsibility	Date (final)	Status
Get in touch with national representatives in ISO, OGC to make aware of GN issues and be informed about drafts	All members	ongoing	Feedback?
Approach UNECA (through chair?) regarding Gazetteer application	Convenor	30.08.2017	done
Involve WG in global and regional assessments (UN-GGIM WG FDT)	Convenor	ongoing	done
Updates its work plan and actions 2017 – 2019 with regard to the discussions about the relationship with UN-GGIM and SDGs	All members	30.10.2017	done
Integrate the two panel discussion contents into the online discussion forum	Convenor	30.08.2017	done
Write an article in the UNGEGN Bulletin about the geospatial dimension in the SDGs	Convenor	30.12.2017	done



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## Item 2: (1) ISO TC 211

- Ballot event notifications of the International Organization for Standardization's Technical Committee 211 Geographic information/Geomatics (ISO/TC 211)
- Most documents were addressed to general geographic information issues.
- In March 2017 ISO/CD 19112:2017(E) - Geographic information – Spatial referencing by geographic identifiers has been updated.
  - This document defines the conceptual schema for spatial references based on geographic identifiers.
  - The new content on the gazetteer structure has been put together by the geospatial community supporting general use cases.
  - Although it is assumed that the updated ISO/CD 19112:2017(E) won't have a huge impact on the geographical names data provision – reflecting the complexity of the named place concept – it will be assessed by the Working Group.



# Item 2: (1) ISO TC 211

- Status:

ISO 19112:2003

Geographic information -- Spatial referencing by geographic identifiers

ISO/PRF 19112 [Under development]

Geographic information -- Spatial referencing by geographic identifiers

<b>50</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.20</b>	<b>50.60</b>	<b>50.92</b>	<b>50.98</b>	<b>50.99</b>
Approval	Final text received or FDIS registered for formal approval	Proof sent to secretariat or FDIS ballot initiated: 8 weeks	Close of voting. Proof returned by secretariat	FDIS or proof referred back to TC or SC	Project deleted	FDIS or proof approved for publication

- Any activities in the countries?



# Item 2: (2) Unicode Consortium

→ Liaison officer Catherine Cheetham / Allison Dollimore

- The Working Group reviews character encodings required for geographical names and informs about gaps in the Unicode standard.
- The latest version 11.0.0 was published on **5 June 2018**. This version supersedes all previous versions of the Unicode Standard.
  - Unicode 11.0 adds 684 characters, for a total of 137,374 characters. These additions include 7 new scripts, for a total of 146 scripts, as well as 66 new emoji characters.
  - The new scripts and characters in Version 11.0 add support for lesser-used languages and unique written requirements worldwide. Funds from the Adopt-a-Character program provided support for some of these additions.

<https://www.unicode.org/versions/Unicode11.0.0/UnicodeStandard-11.0.pdf>





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# Item 3: Liaison with UN-GGIM

## UN-GGIM / UN-GGIM: Europe – Highlights 2017-2018

- Rationale was presented within the Symposium  
Session 4: International standardization ---  
Presentation “Support of geographical names data files and gazetteers to UN-GGIM activities and 2030 Agenda”
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of UNGEGN to the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Experts on GGIM
    - Collaborative activities
    - Other UNGEGN areas of work
    - The way forward – Future opportunities

[http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-17-Add\\_1Strengthening-Collaboration-UNGEGN-27July2018.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-17-Add_1Strengthening-Collaboration-UNGEGN-27July2018.pdf)



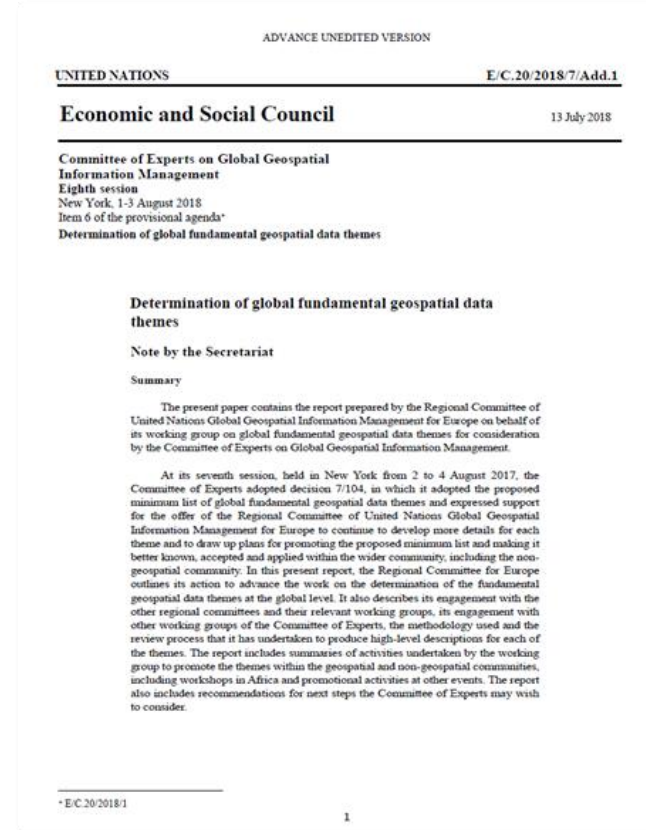
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## UN-GGIM / UN-GGIM: Europe – Highlights 2017-2018

### Working Group on Fundamental Data Themes

How did the Working Group on Fundamental Data Themes do against the ToRs?

1. Produce a recommendation for a minimum list of global fundamental geospatial data themes. ✓
  2. Each data theme should be supported by a description and guidelines. ✓
  3. Take account of existing activity being undertaken by UN-GGIM regional committees, ensuring that where possible existing resources are used. ✓
  4. Consider the prioritisation of the data themes and how they link to other data needs with in the UN-GGIM programme of work. ✓
  5. Consider the specific needs and vulnerabilities of small island developing States. ✓
  6. Ensure that the data themes should be technical in nature as not to raise political concerns. ✓
- And
7. Suggestions from the Committee of Experts at GGIM7 ✓



[http://ggim.un.org/meeting/s/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-7-Add\\_1-Global-fundamental-geospatial-data-themes.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/meeting/s/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-7-Add_1-Global-fundamental-geospatial-data-themes.pdf)

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### Working Group on Fundamental Data Themes

Theme: Geographical Names:

Contributions by UNGEGN  
Bureau and Convenors

<b>Theme title:</b>	<b>Geographical Names</b>
<b>Description</b>	Geographical names provide orientation and identity to places. They are location identifiers for cultural and physical features of the real world, such as regions, settlements, or any feature of public or historical interest. They are often used as a proxy for other data themes such as Settlements.
<b>Why is this theme fundamental?</b>	<p>Geographical names are used throughout the world as a geographic identification system and thus have potential to inter-relate and cross-reference disparate data sources, both spatial and non-spatial. Standardised geographical names are essential for effective communication between citizens, governments of all levels, decision-makers, and policy-makers.</p> <p>Geographical names are often used for geocoding and mapping. The geocoding use case consists of transforming an indirect location identifier (here a geographical name) into a direct location identifier defined by a set of coordinates. Geographical names are the most common, understandable, and widely used entry-point for broader searches for geospatial data and information and are therefore, necessary as search criteria in gazetteers, geoportals, spatial data catalogues etc. Geographical names are also required for a wide range of topographical and thematic map output at any scale. They are necessary for a consistent communication and visualisation of any SDG related issue or action.</p>
<b>Which sustainable development goals (SDGs) will it help to meet?</b>	The wide use of geographical names makes them relevant for all SDGs.
<b>Geospatial data features in more detail</b>	<p>The Geographical Names theme may comprise attributes of feature types that are already in another fundamental geospatial data theme, such as Transport Networks or Water, and/or as feature types that are not yet in another theme. A named place (e.g. settlement, mountain, bay) may have several names in different languages.</p> <p>Many named features have indeterminate boundaries but, where feasible, their delineation should be included.</p>
<b>Possible sources of geospatial data</b>	National geographical names datasets are usually maintained by public authorities for features on land, coastal or marine areas. Additionally, many datasets are published by (semi-official) bodies with a particular goal (e.g. for certain region, languages, topics...).
<b>Existing geospatial data standards</b>	<p>Note: This is indicative. Other lists of standards exist and UN-GGIM will seek to work with thematic experts to develop a list of relevant data standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical reference manual for the standardization of geographical names, (UNGEGN), 2007, ISBN: 92-1-161500-5;</li><li>• INSPIRE Data Specification on Geographical Names – Technical Guidelines 3.1;</li><li>• ISO 639 Language Code List for the language of origin of geographical names; and,</li><li>• UTF-8 character set (UNICODE) for the exchange of syllabics, diacritics and other special characters.</li></ul>

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### Working Group on Fundamental Data Themes

The Committee of Experts is invited to:

- (a) Take note of the report and express its views on the valuable progress of the Working Group, including the **provision of theme descriptions** for the 14 global fundamental geospatial data themes; and
- (b) **Provide guidance on steps to promote, communicate and raise awareness** of the 14 global fundamental geospatial data themes widely across the global geospatial information community, UN-GGIM Regional Committees, wider UN System, and within the broader global geospatial ecosystem.



[http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGI-M-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-7-Add\\_1-Global-fundamental-geospatial-data-themes.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGI-M-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-7-Add_1-Global-fundamental-geospatial-data-themes.pdf)

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- The European UNGEGN experts provided expertise for commenting and discussing a draft recommendation for content of the theme ‘Geographical Names’ provided by **UN-GGIM: Europe Work Group on Core Data**.
  - UNGEGN experts referred to two main use cases:
    1. search criteria in geoportals, which require completeness,
    2. mapping, for which population and true
  - Geometry (providing feature size) is useful selection criterion
  - UNGEGN’s input largely focused on
    - conveying the importance of geographical names as an indication of cultural heritage and history, and also
    - Demonstrating geographical names’ uniqueness, which does not appear in imagery, however they are of vital importance in crisis situations



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## Item 4: Activities of the WG

- Support of Training Courses in Toponymy  
→ last one in Manila, Philippines March 2018... next one?



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# Item 4: Activities of the WG

- Support of UNECA's Geonym application  
 → letter to UNECA was sent in January 2018  
 and a response received in February 2018

Importance of continued cooperation stressed by UNECA...

United Nations  Nations Unies

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31 January 2018

Dear Mr. Chinganya,

**Reactivation of the Africa Gazetteer Database Project**

Reference is made to the meeting of the United Nations Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG-ISGI), from 9 -10 November 2017, in Stockholm, Sweden, attended by Mr. André Nonguerra, Chief, GISS, UNECA, and Mr. Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu, Convenor, Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN). Both discussed the importance of standardized geographical names in Africa and the need to reactivate the Africa Gazetteer database, "GeoNyms" project.


Further to the discussions in Sweden, we the undersigned are pleased to introduce UNGEGN, to acknowledge UNECA for the creation of the GeoNyms database software and the preparation of the Gaborone Action Plan on Geographical Names Activities in Africa, and to ask that both initiatives be reactivated to support the work of National Names and/or Mapping Authorities in Africa and thereby the sustainable development of the continent.

As you may be aware, since 1967, the United Nations Statistics Division has been convening quinquennial United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UNCSGN). Through its specialist, 11 Working Groups and Task Teams, and 24 Divisions, UNGEGN facilitates the development and dissemination of principles, policies and procedures suitable for resolving the problems of consistency in the authorization and use of geographical names. Additional information on UNGEGN is available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/>.

GeoNyms, first called AfricanGaz is an open-source database application created by UNECA to be used by National Names and/or Mapping Authorities for the collection, validation, storage and dissemination of geographical names data. It was envisaged that GeoNyms would motivate African countries to revitalize their geographical names authorities, or establish them where none existed.

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Date: 21 February 2018  
 Ref.: ACS/02/18/0033

Dear Colleagues,

**RE: Reactivation of the Africa Gazetteer Database Project**

Reference is made to your letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 requesting ECA support to revamp the Africa Gazetteer Database and continue the implementation of the GeoNyms project.

As you may know, the Africa Gazetteer project has always been part of the ECA's Work Programme since its inception. Since then, several major steps have been achieved including the development of the GeoNyms application, the testing of the prototype in selected countries, the elaboration of the Gaborone Action Plan on Geographical Names and the raising of GeoNyms as a one of the key pillar for the implementation of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa).

Unfortunately, the implementation has lost pace mainly because of the lack of financial resources to carry out some of the project activities. Therefore, there is a need for additional effort to revamp the current version of the application in order to produce a robust system that adheres to the requirements of a web-based software tool, and to organize training workshops to build capacity in member States for the use of the application.

As part of its continued effort to deliver its remit, I am pleased to inform you that the Commission will assist in the following areas: re-design and development of the functionalities to enhance the application; organization of ad hoc workshops in the sideline of geo-related events in Africa to present the application; carrying out of advisory missions to African countries, as needed.

I look forward to our continued cooperation in this important endeavor that will be valuable in the implementation and tracking of the SDGs indicators.

Yours sincerely,

  
 Oliver Chinganya  
 Director  
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Cc: Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD  
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12:25 – 12:30 5'	8	<b>AOB &amp; Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any issues, concerns, suggestions, ...</li> </ul>	All



# Item 5: Support of national and regional activities

## **EuroGeographics & Joint Research Center (JRC)** “survey on pan-European gazetteer services”

- Request in March 2017 for a “gazetteer service for Europe”, providing authoritative names data exists!
- What is the envisaged concept and architecture?

Contribution ID: e384a363-8652-4867-848a-c6a3c02937b0

Date: 03/11/2017 15:12:15

### **Open European gazetteer and associated location data survey**

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

#### Introduction

Key 'high value' datasets such as geographical names and addresses have many uses both inside and outside the public sector. They form the backbone of European location services, which may include 'gazetteer' services, linking place names and addresses to point and area locations. These datasets are often used in conjunction with other 'high value' data themes, such as land parcels, hydrography and transport networks.

This survey aims to understand the extent to which access to pan-European complete, open and free location datasets and services, like these, will create new opportunities for data users and application developers beyond those already available nationally. It also aims to understand the situations where 'official' data is needed, where 'community-sourced' data may be applicable, and where such data may be sourced.



# Item 5: Support of national and regional activities

## EuroGeographics & Joint Research Center (JRC)

“survey on pan-European gazetteer services”

- Results in September 2017

[https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/actions/elise\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/actions/elise_en)



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# Item 5: Support of national and regional activities

- Presentation within the Symposium  
Session 4: International standardization ---  
Developments of GeoLocator and Regional Gazetteer in ELS/OpenELS, Saulius Urbanas & Roman Stani-Fertl

## Two more presentations in 20'...

- *Toponym gazetteer system of our country's new address system of the Republic of Korea, Young-Hoon (John) Kim*
- *Merging standardized and non-standardized gazetteers – A case study for transboundary named entity recognition (NER), Gerhard Rampl*





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# Item 6: Discussion forum within the WG website

- Discussion forum within the WG website / Online discussion forum

A screenshot of a website page titled "Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers of UNGEGN". Underneath the title, there is a section labeled "Discussion forum" which contains a list of five forums:

- Forum 1 - Volunteered geographic information and crowd-sourcing
- Forum 2 - definitions for gazetteers and data types
- Forum 3 - General feature types and categories
- Forum 4 - UNGEGN-UNGGIM relationship
- Forum 5 - Support of UNGEGN to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicator fra...

<https://wiki.gdi-de.org/display/wgtdfg/Discussion+forum>



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→ Few input to the linkage **UNGEEN and UN-GGIM – Relationship** document

→ No input & remarks to the **old topics** in the discussion forum!

<https://wiki.gdi-de.org/display/wgtdfg/Discussion+forum>

[Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers / ... / Forum 4 - UNGEEN-UNGGIM relationship](#)


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Erstellt von Sabine Afflerbach-Thom, zuletzt geändert von Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu am Aug 07, 2018


Keine Stichwörter

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4 Kommentare

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• Nov 28, 2017


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 **Catherine Cheetham sagt:**  
Thanks Peder for your contribution! As for F4-Q1, I'm looking forward to fielding further contributions on this question. As I've indicated in my own comments to Q1, my feeling is that UNGEEN's task on promotion of the importance of names standardization is fundamental to the success not only of the relationship with GGIM, but to UNGEEN's work as a whole. As Peder indicates, the field of toponymy is full of nuance and 'shades of grey': we need to be able to express clearly this nuance (even if we can't make the global population into toponymists!) We can at least convey why our subject is important, and providing concrete examples (from your own national contexts) of potential pitfalls where inaccurate names have been used (e.g. in hindering search and rescue, in causing diplomatic problems) will be invaluable. As Peder mentions, a further 'concrete' to which we can tie our work is the Sustainable Development Goals.  
Looking forward to your thoughts...!  
• Dez 04, 2017

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 **Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu sagt:**  
8th UN-GGIM Committee of Experts Meeting: On Friday, August 3, 2018, our colleague Trent Palmer gave a perfect presentation on UNGEEN report about the relationship! [http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-17-Add\\_15strengthening-Collaboration-UNGEEN-27July2018.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/documents/E-C20-2018-17-Add_15strengthening-Collaboration-UNGEEN-27July2018.pdf)  
The UNGEEN report received very supportive comments by 9 Member States (Canada, Belgium, Japan, Italy, Saudi-Arabia, Jordan, Australia, Sweden, Germany) and by UNECA (André). The comments addressed particularly the importance of the language and the cultural heritage issues within the geographical names and standardization.  
• Aug 07, 2018

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 **Catherine Cheetham sagt:**  
Thanks so much to Trent for his marvellous presentation! (it is available to watch on the UN web TV site)  
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# Item 6: Discussion forum within the WG website

- Discussion forum within the WG website / Online discussion forum
- Few input to the linkage **UNGEGN and UN-GGIM – Relationship** document
- No input & remarks to the **old topics** in the discussion forum!
- Few input to new discussion items on **SDGs**

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F5-Q2: Is toponymic information like language, status of a name/language, etc. needed for all SDG indicators where geospatial data is needed?

Erstellt von Sabine Afflerbach-Thom am Nov 28, 2017

Keine Stichwörter

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2 Kommentare

**Sabine Afflerbach-Thom sagt:**  
[Contribution by Eman Orieb]:  
Country level, admin level and low level like streets, standardized country names are important. Addresses are important for investigating who has electricity and so on, therefore it is necessary to have standardized street names to have good data on that.  
• Nov 28, 2017

**Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu sagt:**  
At the 5th UN-GGIM: Europe Plenary Meeting in June 2018 a workshop was conducted to discuss the work and output of the global UN-GGIM Working Group Global Fundamental Data Themes. I took the opportunity to emphasize the importance of the geographical names standardization for the fundamental data theme "geographical names". By that I provided examples for SDG indicators where language is crucial.  
The UNGEGN Bulletin #54 provides examples where geographical names associated to attributes providing language and cultural heritage information play an important role: [https://unstats.un.org/UNSD/geoinfo/UNGEGN/docs/Bulletin/UNGEGN\\_bulletin\\_54\\_finalver.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/UNSD/geoinfo/UNGEGN/docs/Bulletin/UNGEGN_bulletin_54_finalver.pdf)  
• Aug 07, 2018



# Item 1: Agenda

Time	Item#	Item	Speaker
11:50 – 12:10 10' 10'	5	<b>Support of national and regional activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toponym gazetteer system of our country's new address system of the Republic of Korea</li> <li>• Merging standardized and non-standardized gazetteers – A case study for transboundary named entity recognition (NER)</li> </ul>	Young-Hoon (John) Kim Gerhard Rampl
12:10 – 12:20 10'	6	<b>Discussion forum within the WG website / Online discussion forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion &amp; Input &amp; remarks for the discussion forum</li> </ul>	Annette, Teemu, Catherine, Pier-Giorgio
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12:25 – 12:30 5'	8	<b>AOB &amp; Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any issues, concerns, suggestions, ...</li> </ul>	All



# Item 7 and 8: Next meeting & AOB & Closing

- 1<sup>st</sup> UNGEGN, 29 April – 3 May 2019, New York
  - Working Paper?
    - please send any ideas and plans to draft a Working Paper to the Convenor
  - What else can we do?
    - Workshop ideas... proposals?
      - LinkedData applications in the Member States?
      - Toponymic Data Files re-engineering due to SDG requirements?
  - What can we do for UN-GGIM 2019? (besides the report)
    - More/other contributions to the Agenda 2030 / UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)?
    - Input to the “UNGEGN-UN-GGIM Liaison group”?
    - ...



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- Input to the UN World Geospatial Information Congress, 19-21 Nov' 2018, Deqing, China...? <http://www.unwgic2018.org/welcome.html>



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- Decisions by the WG at the meeting in Brussels 2018

Task	Responsibility	Date (final)



# AOB & Closing

Closing...



... Thank you!

See you somewhere...at the latest in New York in 2019!

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