

USA-CANADA DIVISION

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USA-Canada Division: Introduction

- Co-chaired by United States and Canada
- Comprised of the national geographical naming authorities of each country: **US Board on Geographic Names**, a Federal body that comprises representatives of Federal agencies, and **Geographical Names Board of Canada**
- Division activities coordinated by a team with representatives from both countries

Purpose: to discuss topics of mutual interest and share expertise related to geographical naming and standardization



USA-Canada Division: Recent activities

Renewed Activities of the USA-Canada Division 2021-2023:

- Virtual meetings to introduce new participants, discuss topics of common interest

2022 Virtual Forum:

- Sharing of information on principles, policies and procedures

2023 Virtual Forum:

- Focused on discussing approaches to derogatory place names in each country



USA-Canada Division: Looking ahead

- Virtual meetings ongoing to maintain dialogue
- Exploring virtual forum late 2024, to be confirmed
- Current topics of mutual interest include:
 - Derogatory place names
 - Approaches to Indigenous geographical names and engagement
 - Transboundary place names
- Continuing to explore opportunities for collaboration and information-sharing, including with other groups as appropriate (e.g. UNGEGN WG/TT, UN-GGIM...)



Thank you / Questions?

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