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**United Nations Group of Experts on  
Geographical Names****2019 session**

New York, 29 April–3 May 2019

Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda\*

**Organizational matters: organization of work including  
establishment of subsidiary bodies****Organization of work****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The proposed organization of work and times for the 2019 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Bureau of the Group of Experts in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Group.
2. The first meeting of the 2019 session of the Group of Experts will be convened on Monday, 29 April 2019, at 10.30 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except on Monday, 29 April, when the first meeting will start at 10.30 a.m.); afternoon meetings will be held from 3 to 6 p.m.

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\* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).



## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Programme</i>
<b>Monday, 29 April</b>		
10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	1. Opening of the session	Opening address by the Chair of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names  Welcome remarks by the Assistant Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs
	2. Election of officers	Nominations to membership in the Bureau and their consideration by the Group of Experts
	3. Organizational matters	
	4. Reports of the Chair and the Secretariat	Introduction of reports  General discussion and summary
	5. Reports	Introduction of national reports  General discussion and summary
	5 (a). Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names	
3–6 p.m.	5. Reports ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction of national and divisional reports
	5 (b). Divisions of the Groups of Experts	General discussion and summary
	5 (c). Working Group on Country Names	
	5 (d). National and international meetings and conferences	
	6. Cooperation and liaison with other organizations	Introduction of reports  General discussion and summary
	6 (a). International organizations	
	6 (b). Economic Commission for Africa and Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management	
<b>Tuesday, 30 April</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	7. National and international standardization of geographical names	Introduction and presentation of documents  General discussion and summary
	7 (a). Names collection, office treatment, national authorities, features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation	
3–6 p.m.	7. ( <i>continued</i> )	
	7 (b). Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors for international use	

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	8. Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable development, measures taken and proposed for the implementation of resolutions and evaluation of the work of the Group of Experts (Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation)	Introduction and presentation of documents General discussion and summary
<b>Wednesday, 1 May</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Special technical presentation	Presentation on second administrative level boundaries programme
	9. Issues of publicity for the Group of Experts and funding of Group projects (Working Group on Publicity and Funding)	Presentation by the Convenor of the Working Group General discussion and summary
	10. Activities on national standardization in Africa (Task Team for Africa)	Presentation by the Coordinator of the Task Team General discussion and summary
3–6 p.m.	11. Toponymic education (Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy)	Presentation by the Convenor of the Working Group General discussion and summary
	12. Toponymic terminology (Working Group on Toponymic Terminology)	Presentation by the Convenor of the Working Group General discussion and summary
<b>Thursday, 2 May</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Special presentation	Presentation on intangible heritage
	13. Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity, including indigenous, minority and regional languages and multilingual issues (Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage)	Introduction by the Convenor of the Working Group Presentation of documents General discussion and summary
	14. Exonyms (Working Group on Exonyms)	Introduction by the Convenor of the Working Group Presentation of documents General discussion and summary
3–6 p.m.	15. Toponymic data files and gazetteers (data processing and tools, database management, data dissemination: products and services) (Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers)	Introduction by the Convenor of the Working Group Presentation of documents General discussion and summary

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	16. Writing systems and pronunciation (Working Group on Romanization Systems)	Introduction by the Convenor of the Working Group on Romanization Systems  Presentation of documents  General discussion and summary
<b>Friday, 3 May</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Special presentation	Presentation on disaster risk reduction and management
	17. Other toponymic issues	General discussion and summary
	18. Arrangements for the 2021 session of the Group of Experts	Consideration of draft provisional agenda for the 2021 session of the Group of Experts
	19. Other business	
	20. Presentation and adoption of decisions	Presentation of informal papers  Discussion and consideration of the draft decisions
3–6 p.m.	20. ( <i>continued</i> )	Discussion and consideration of the draft decisions
	21. Adoption of the report of the 2019 session	Presentation of the draft report  Interactive discussion and adoption of the draft report
	22. Election of officers of the 2021 session	Nominations to membership in the Bureau and their consideration by the Group of Experts
	23. Closing of the session	Conclusion of the session