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Sami writing systems in Sweden

Summary**

In Sweden there are four officially recognized Sami orthographies: North Sami, Lule Sami, South Sami and Ume Sami. The full report contains information on the new orthography developed for the Ume Sami language by experts in 2016. This writing system is now used in all contexts, and it is gradually being introduced in, for example, maps of the Ume Sami area in Sweden. The report also includes a discussion on an official writing system for Pite Sami.

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** The full report was prepared by Leila Mattfolk, Place Name Consultant, and Annette Torensjö, Head, Department of Onomastics, Institute of Language and Folklore. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/59/CRP.59.