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**Toponymic education****Webinars on toponymy in Indonesia: an adaptation of  
toponymic education to coronavirus disease  
pandemic conditions****Summary\*\***

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has affected multiple activities in Indonesia, among them activities on toponyms. In previous years, the Indonesian Geospatial Information Agency (*Badan Informasi Geospasial*) as the national authority responsible for geographical names, has periodically provided technical guidance to local governments on the theory and practice of toponymy. That has become impossible to do under the current conditions.

To adapt to the changing situation, some toponymic activities must be conducted online. In 2020, the Agency held three webinars on, respectively, technology, policies and the utilization of toponyms. The webinars featured several speakers with various backgrounds and perspectives. They came from multiple stakeholders, such as practitioners, academics, experts, the private sector and the Government.

Webinars on toponymy have reached more people, and the audience has not been limited to local governments. The webinars received a high and enthusiastic response from participants and from people who follow the Agency on YouTube. Records from the start to the end of the webinar taken from the Agency's YouTube channel indicated that there was a high level of interest. The steps the Agency has taken to educate the broader public through online media, in particular in webinars, will be detailed in the full report.

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Aldila Pradhana, Larassita Ninda Pradana, Aji Putra Perdana of the Geospatial Information Agency. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/31/CRP.31, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd\\_session\\_2021/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/).

