

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage

Meeting Agenda 1:00 – 2:00 pm (EDT) Thursday 6 May 2021

Open to all delegates

Meeting of Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of agenda and administrative matters (chair, rapporteur etc.)
3. Report of the Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage
4. Focus groups, discussion

At the last meeting of the Working group on geographical names as cultural heritage in New York in May 2019, the working group discussed the possibility of appointing six focus groups.

In the UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029 the themes of the Focus groups are decided.

1. Geographical names in relation to minorities and indigenous people
2. Legislation, policies & best practices relating to geographical names
3. Commercial and commemorative naming, including urban naming
4. Crowd sourcing for collecting stories behind the names
5. The names of unwritten languages
6. Naming within tourism and branding

The idea with the focus groups is that they could collect and present good examples of solutions and working methods. It would be up to each focus-group leader to form the group and to decide on the scope and the methods of each particular focus group in accordance to the strategic plan. We would publish the outcome of the work of the focus groups on the Working group's pages on UNGEGN's website. For future UNGEGN meetings we would welcome a brief report from each focus group on their work in the report of the Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage.

I would like to invite interested delegates to participate in the various focus groups and I welcome nominations for focus-group leaders. I invite delegates to present ideas of the objective and scope of the different focus groups and would like to invite participants at the meeting to contribute with their experiences and materials. It would be up to each leader to decide if they want to lead the group by themselves or in collaboration with someone else or together with a group of people.

5. Suggestions for work shop, joint meetings or other activities

6. Other business

7. Next meeting

8. Closing

Welcome!

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