



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

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Linked Data considerations for geographical names standardisation

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Norway

Statement/intervention:

Statement of support

NORWAY welcomes and encourages the work relating to Linked Data as set out in decision 1/2019/13, and undertaken by the (soon to be named) Working Group Geographical Names Data Management.

The findings of AUSTRALIA of the use and continued proliferation of linked data to the geographical names sphere are supported by NORWAY and the recommendation to use of persistent and unique Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI) is strongly backed.

NORWAY has taken note of the importance of including geographical names in Linked Data developments, as a means of enabling geographical names standardization, also in standardization processes to bring together data for information generation to support decision making.

NORWAY welcomes collaborations under the leadership of the Working Group on Geographical Names Management between national names authorities and Linked Data practitioners, and expresses interest in to partake in future Linked Data work, particularly in the areas of office and scientific treatment of geographical names.

The increase in Linked Data has also resulted in a proliferation in ontologies. NORWAY urges that an overview of ontologies is made by the Working Group on Geographical Names Management in connection with future work and recommendations.

Thank you,

The Norwegian UNGEGN delegation

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