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**National and international standardization of geographical
names: names collection, office treatment, national authorities,
features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation**

Introduction to the constructive work of geographical names standardization in China

Summary**

Since the previous session in 2021, the China National Committee for Standardization of Geographical Names has drafted “a [Plan for the] Development of Geographical Names Standardization under the Fourteenth Five-Year Plan (2021–2025)” to support innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared development according to standards and to actively organize the formulation of multiple national and industry standards relating to various aspects of work on geographical names, including geographical terminology and informatization, Antarctic and seabed geographical names, Chinese transliteration of foreign-language geographical names and geographical signs, all based upon evolving toponymic circumstances and practical working needs. This has preliminarily established a framework for a standard system of geographical names in China. The system for the standardization of geographical names is being continuously improved, its mechanisms continuously optimized, its foundations continuously consolidated, the scope of its field continuously expanded, the study and drafting of its standards methodically carried out, the implementation of those standards vigorously advanced and the results of that research continuously enriched, and the technical level of standards is continuously rising. As a result, the fundamental, normative, guiding and service effectiveness of geographical name standards have been significantly enhanced.

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