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**Issues of publicity for the Group of Experts and funding
of Group projects****Report on the activities of the Working Group on Publicity
and Funding****Summary****

The full report highlights the aims and activities of the Working Group on Publicity and Funding concerned with raising awareness of the need for the standardization of geographical names and the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, in particular efforts to advance its digital presence. Among other things, the report highlights the onboarding activities organized and conducted by the Group of Experts for new experts attending the sessions of the Group.

The activities of the Working Group have been affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and national recovery efforts, resulting in much-reduced support and engagement.

The report also contains information on the Working Group's future plans, particularly with regard to the involvement of the Working Group in the implementation of strategy 5, promotion and capacity-building, of the strategic plan and programme of work, 2021–2029, of the Group of Experts.

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** The full report was prepared by the Convenor of the Working Group on Publicity and Funding, Peder Gammeltoft. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2023/13/CRP.13.

