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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries
and on the progress made in the standardization of
geographical names**

Report of Argentina

Summary**

The present summary contains a brief description of the activities, achievements and ongoing projects of the National Geographical Institute during the intersessional period, 2021–2023.

(a) Preparation of the document “Principles and guidelines for the definition of geographical names of the Argentine Republic”

The document is used in the process of standardization of geographical names managed by the National Geographical Institute, as the national agency and authority responsible for the management of geospatial information in the Argentine Republic. It includes principles, policies, concepts and terminology to support the application of standardized procedures, both nationally and internationally, in order to ensure the global exchange of geographical names as official and uniform geospatial information.

The document is available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/naa/>.

(b) Concise National Gazetteer of Geographical Names at a scale of 1:5,000,000

Preparation of a gazetteer of geographical names included in the bicontinental map of the Argentine Republic at a scale of 1:5,000,000. The Gazetteer has been completed but has not yet been published.

* [GEGN.2/2023/1](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/naa/).

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(c) Validation and updating of geospatial information on the Malvinas Islands and South Atlantic Islands at a scale of 1:250,000

The work consists of preparing an updated geographical database with standardized toponymy of the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands at a scale of 1:250,000. It is being carried out jointly with the Naval Hydrographic Service and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

(d) Validation and updating of the toponymy of the Antarctic sector of Argentina to be included in the institutional geospatial database at a scale of 1:500,000

In order to validate, standardize and update the toponymy of the Antarctic sector of Argentina, sources of information, both cartographic and in other formats (toponymic books, index cards and charts) were compiled. Work is conducted using a geographic information system. The toponymy is also validated with the Naval Hydrographic Service and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Argentine Antarctic Institute).

All the information is entered into the institutional geospatial database to serve as input for cartographic products, as well as for different viewers and geoservices.

(e) Dissemination activities

- Redesign of the institutional web page with a special section on the subject of geographical names
- Training for the heads of the provincial offices of the National Geographical Institute on the standardization of geographical names
- Presentation at the eleventh Cartographic Science Congress entitled “The role of the National Geographical Institute in the standardization of geographical names: achievements and challenges of a standardized toponymy for the management of geospatial information and its preservation as cultural heritage”

(f) Other activities

- Participation in symposiums, webinars, exhibitions and congresses
 - In-person participation in the programme for capacity-building in respect of geographical names and geospatial information conducted in the Republic of Korea in November 2022, funded by the National Geographic Information Institute of Korea and organized jointly with the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History
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