

13 February 2023

Original: English

---

**United Nations Group of Experts on  
Geographical Names****2023 session**

New York, 1–5 May 2023

Item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda\*

**Reports: Divisions of the Group of Experts****Report of the Romano-Hellenic Division****Summary\*\***

During the two-year period from 2021 to 2022, the Romano-Hellenic Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names carried out the following activities:

(a) Organization of the third international scientific symposium on the theme “Permanence, transformation, substitution and oblivion of geographical names” in Naples in 2021;

(b) Organization of the cartographic travelling exhibition on the theme “Naples lands and sea: from ancient to contemporary toponymy”, in close cooperation with the Italian Geographic Military Institute;

(c) Accomplishment of a series of conferences on the standardization of geographical names, in cooperation with the Italian Alpine Club, various Italian geographical associations and Italian public bodies;

(d) Participation in two meetings of the Bureau and Division Chairs of the Group of Experts.

(e) Updating of the layout and content of the Division website.

For the two-year period from 2023 to 2024, the main actions of the Division will be aimed at stimulating its member countries to:

(a) Participate in the traditional toponymy symposium to be organized in Italy in September 2024;

(b) Contribute to enriching the content of the Division website;

---

\* [GEGN.2/2023/1](#).

\*\* The full report was prepared by the Chair of the Romano-Hellenic Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. The report will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2023/72/CRP.72, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd\\_session\\_2023/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/).



(c) Carry out dissemination actions on the importance of geographical names for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, through cycles of lessons and conferences involving local toponymic authorities, map agencies, universities, schools and the public bodies concerned.

---