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**On geographical names data modelling and transfer
related standards, manuals, or guidelines – some ideas
from the Working Group on Geographical Names data
Management**

Summary **

In this report members of UNGEGN's Working Group on Geographical Names data Management (WG GNDM) have compiled ideas for geographical names data modelling and transfer related standards, manuals, or guidelines.

In chapter one the current status on geospatial information sharing, accessibility, and dissemination related standards are compiled. In chapter two some specific issues related to geographical names data modelling are summarized, comprising the intangible cultural heritage elements that go hand in hand with the physical characteristics relating to location identification for administration, planning, navigation, emergency response, science, resilience, etc. In chapter three, some evaluation notes on UNGEGN's Technical Reference Manual for the National Standardization of Geographical Names, 'Part two, Toponymic data transfer standards and formats' are introduced.

The compilation can contribute and be the rationale for an updated structure for 'Part two - Toponymic data transfer standards and formats' of UNGEGN's 'Technical Reference Manual for the National Standardization of Geographical Names (2007)' or it can be added as an addendum.

The outcome and findings will be published within UNGEGN's webpage and its wiki structure.

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