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Provisional agenda of the 2025 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work;
 - (c) Credentials of observers.
3. Reports of the Bureau and the Secretariat:
 - (a) Report of the Chair;
 - (b) Report of the Secretariat;
 - (c) Monitoring and evaluation of the strategic plan and programme of work 2021–2029.
4. Reports:
 - (a) Divisions of the Group of Experts;
 - (b) Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names.
 - (c) Activities on the standardization of geographical names in Africa;
 - (d) National and international meetings and conferences.
5. Technical expertise:
 - (a) Names collection, office treatment, features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation;
 - (b) Geographical names data management;
 - (c) Writing systems and pronunciation;



- (d) Toponymic terminology;
 - (e) Country names.
 - 6. Relationships, links and connections:
 - (a) Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management;
 - (b) Economic Commission for Africa;
 - (c) International organizations, including academia.
 - 7. Effective work programmes:
 - (a) Measures taken and proposed for the implementation of resolutions and recommendations;
 - (b) Evaluation of the work of the Group of Experts;
 - (c) Social and economic benefits of supporting sustainable development;
 - (d) Toponymic guidelines for international use by map and other editors.
 - 8. Culture, heritage and language recognition:
 - (a) Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity;
 - (b) Indigenous, minority and regional languages and multilingual issues;
 - (c) Exonyms.
 - 9. Promotion and capacity-building:
 - (a) Strengthening publicity and increasing awareness of the importance of standardized geographical names;
 - (b) Toponymic training and education;
 - (c) Funding of capacity-building initiatives.
 - 10. Other geographical names issues.
 - 11. Procedural matters:
 - (a) Presentation and adoption of decisions;
 - (b) Adoption of the report on the 2025 session;
 - (c) Arrangements for the 2027 session of the Group of Experts.
 - 12. Other business.
 - 13. Closing of the session.
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