

UNGEGN 2023 Panel discussion 1

“Strengthening relationships, links and connections in geographical names standardization and for sustainable development and pandemic recovery”

UNGEGN and Academia

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Existing links between UNGEGN and Academia

Representations at UNGEGN sessions:

IGU (International Geographical Union)

ICA (International Cartographic Association)

ICOS (International Council of Onomastic Sciences)

Many delegates of UNGEGN, members of National Geographical Names Boards are active academics

Many staffs of National Mapping Authorities have received higher education from Geography / Cartography / Linguistics faculty

Potentials 1:

Academics are committed to producing not only theories, but also knowledge that contributes to solving contemporary issues -

1) Academics want to know, what problem UNGEGN is facing, and what knowledge is being desired -> UNGEGN as driver of research
UNGEGN can utilise the outcome of such research

e.g. Exonym Working Group (established to implement UNGEGN resolutions)
research papers presented / volumes of books published
unprecedented study of the subject -> much deeper and robust understanding
(appreciation of cultural significance of exonyms)

Potentials 2:

Academics are supposed to be good at talking / teaching

- participate as resource persons in UNGEGN training on toponymy
(develop training curriculum, contents)

- give talks to the students / public, enhancing general awareness on geographical place names