

## **UNGEGN 2023 Session National Reports**

### **Cooperation, training and promotion: Work against UNGEGN strategic plan**

NGII, Republic of Korea

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Good morning, everyone. It is an honor to speak today, and I want to thank Mr. Gammeltoft for inviting me to talk about implementing UNGEGN Strategic Plan in my country. I am excited to share our national report and discuss how we work towards achieving UNGEGN's goals.

The National Geographic Information Institute (NGII), the national agency responsible for names standardization in Korea, recognizes the importance of UNGEGN's plans and has taken action accordingly. As a result, NGII has established 17 executable projects related to the five strategies of the Plan. You can see these projects on the screen.

These 17 executable projects are significant for Korean and international geographic naming standardization, as they align with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. The projects will be used to preserve geographic naming data through efficient and technological management and strengthen collaboration between UNGEGN, UN-GGIM, and UNESCO. Our agency is already working towards international cooperation in geographic naming standardization through a capacity-building program with the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH). Additionally, we will strengthen academic research and establish a WIKI system to preserve and disseminate the value of geographic names as cultural heritage.

The Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency (KHOA) is a separate agency in charge of maritime names in Korea. KHOA, along with NGII, has demonstrated various achievements and plans in implementing UNGEGN's strategic plans and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Details on these achievements can also be found in the national report of Korea.

I have presented the updates on Korea's efforts to implement the UNGEGN strategic plans. I want to thank Mr. Chair again for allowing me to speak and share our progress, and I hope this presentation has provided helpful insights related to the agenda item. Thank you very much.