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The aim of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) is to encourage national and international geographical names standardization, promote the international dissemination of nationally standardized geographical names information, and adopt single romanization systems for the conversion of each non-Roman writing system to the Roman alphabet.

As reported last year, UNGEGN began a new phase of its existence in 2019 and held its first session from April 29 to May 3, 2019 in New York. The major actions coming out of this year's session relate to the development and implementation of a strategic plan and programme of work. The Group of Experts is also seeking to align its work more closely with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (see <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>). The second UNGEGN session will be held in 2021.

As part of national reports on activities and progress to UNGEGN, developments in undersea feature name standardization are routinely noted. This year undersea feature names were mentioned in the reports of several countries to include Canada, Cyprus, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation. UNGEGN continues to encourage strengthening liaison relationships with other international bodies, such as the IHO. All papers submitted to UNGEGN events are posted at the UNGEGN website (<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/>) (new url).