

Paper for Consideration by SCUFN**Report of UNGEGN**

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<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This document reports on the activities of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) since SCUFN-32
<i>Related Documents:</i>	SCUFN33-05.4B
<i>Related Projects:</i>	N/A

Introduction

1. 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.

Discussion

2. As previously reported, UNGEGN began a new phase of its existence in 2019, holding its first “new” session in the spring of that year. The second session is scheduled for May 3-7, 2021 in New York City. It remains to be seen if this meeting will be able to be held in-person. As might be expected, the global pandemic has affected the progress against goals.

Since the first session, UNGEGN has turned its focus to the development and implementation of a strategic plan and programme of work. A global consultation on the draft strategic plan was closed on August 30, 2020. Preparation of the draft programme of work is underway.

A re-tooled UNGEGN website has been established and may be accessed at: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/>. UNGEGN publishes a semi-annual bulletin available at the website.

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.

Action Required of SCUFN

4. SCUFN is invited to:
 - a. Note this report