

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>	SCUFN35.1-05.4B
<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 was held virtually during May 3-7, 2021. The third session of UNGEGN is tentatively planned for May 1-5, 2023 in New York City.

3. While it was impossible to hold the second session in-person, the meeting was very well-attended and deemed successful. The most significant accomplishment was the adoption of the UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029. The focus of UNGEGN during the intercession until the third session is the implementation of the programme of work and strengthening its operational structure. The strategic plan and many other resources are available at the UNGEGN website at:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/>.

4. 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

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