

**United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers (WG TDFG)**

Preliminary Meeting Agenda
14:00 – 14:35 hrs, Thursday, 2 May 2019

To take place at the
UN Head Quarter in New York on the occasion of the 1st UNGEGN,
Room: CR-A

Time	TOP#	TOP	Speaker	Annotations by the convenor
14:00 – 14:05 5'	1	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions of the 11th UNCSGN / 30th UNGEGN and Minutes of the WG meeting on relating to the Working Group 	Pier-Giorgio	Wrap up of the tasks agreed upon at the WG meeting on 12 October 2018 in Brussels <u>Document:</u> 1_2018-10-12_Minutes_UNGEGN-WGTDFG_Brussels_v1.0 (pdf) <u>Feedback:</u> LV (Vita) - <i>sad, that there are no interest regarding the gazetteer types, obviously, experts still do not see a practical value in classifying gazetteers...BUT – I have noticed expressions” authoritative gazetteers” and ” authorised digital geographical names data”in the Work Plan of our WG. As I see, it means that it is important to distinguish between authorised and authoritative data/gazetteers and those what are not. So, might be the definiton of (at least two-three) types of data/gazetteers is of practical value?</i>
14:05 – 14:10 5'	2	Task arising from side events on ‘Linked Data’ and ‘Online Discussion Forum’	All	To be wrapped up after the side events on 30 April (08:15-09:30 am) and on 2 May (01:15-02:00 pm) <u>Document:</u> No document <u>Feedback:</u> <i>After the side events</i>
14:10 – 14:20 10'	3	Start discussion about Global Feature classification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about the need for an universal classification of geographical features 	Miquel, Teemu, Pier-Giorgio	A short paper on feature codes for international uses – consideration for a common use prepared by Miquel Parella (Spain) has been uploaded to the online discussion forum (forum 3). https://wiki.gdi-de.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=17796874 <u>Document:</u> 3_Contribution_UNGEGN_Feature_type (pdf) <u>Feedback:</u> SI (Marija) - <i>A common classification would help to make data between countries more easily comparable. Of course, the preparation of the classification would require the participation of professionals from</i>

				<p><i>different profiles and also from very different countries (in terms of natural and built environment).</i></p> <p>US (Trent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Looking forward to learning more about the Global Feature classification system</i> <p>LV (Vita)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>the Global classification on feature types is necessary - to make data comparable, exchangeable and compatible. The proposal of Mr. Parella- it seems logical and simple. I would like to add only few groups to the basic 8 already existing, such as: named areas, nature reserves (or nature conservation areas), miscellaneous (or undefined) features.</i> <p>FI (Teemu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>[...] Because an UNGEGN classification would not be just one among the others, a good outcome should be ensured in advance. In my opinion it would mean a well-defined and professionally managed development project with internal (UN/UNGEGN) and external consultation and hearing processes, and a closed project group with available and dedicated experts from around the world and hopefully all continents to find and set the scope and global viewpoint. [...] much more preparation and discussion is needed to get a realistic picture of the conditions required, especially from the organisational and goal-setting points of view.</i>
14:20 – 14:25 5'	4	Information about the GIS web based World Geo names app	Cecille	<p>Presentation to be provided by Cecille Blake (UNGEGN Secretariat)</p> <p><u>Document:</u> <i>No document – information might be circulated later</i></p> <p><u>Feedback:</u> <i>Cecille will provide information</i></p>
14:25 – 14:30 5'	5	Update of the objectives, work plan and upcoming actions of the Working Group	Pier-Giorgio	<p>Discussion about minor updates of the objectives, the work plan and the upcoming actions. The WG members are requested to send comments in tracking mode until <u>25.04.2019</u></p> <p><u>Document:</u> <i>5_WGTDFG_Update_Scope-WorkPlan-Actions (Word)</i></p> <p><u>Feedback:</u> SI (Marija)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>a toponym or a geographical name (document 5_WGTDFG_Update_Scope-WorkPlan-Actions.docx) I prefer a geographical name.</i> <p>FI (Teemu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Toponymic” or “geographical names” (both are ok with me) is one question and another could be the rest of the name. Words “data file” and “gazetteer” obviously date from time before today’s databases, data management, data integration and data services, and at that time also the collection of names was always a manual field process.</i>

				- <i>Several proposals for renaming the Working Group, amongst others, "UNEGN Working Group on geographical names data management (WGGNDM)"</i>
14:30 – 14:35 5'	6	Next meeting of WG TDFG & AOB & Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other meetings in 2019-2021 to associate with? 	Pier-Giorgio	<u>Document:</u> <i>No document</i>