



# **Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers (WG TDFG) of UNGEGN**

## **Meeting in New York, UNHQ 11 August 2017 (Part 1)**

Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu, Convenor

Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy



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- Ballot event notifications of the International Organization for Standardization's Technical Committee 211 Geographic information/Geomatics (ISO/TC 211)
- Most documents were addressed to general geographic information issues.
- In March 2017 ISO/CD 19112:2017(E) - Geographic information – Spatial referencing by geographic identifiers has been updated.
  - This document defines the conceptual schema for spatial references based on geographic identifiers.
  - The new content on the gazetteer structure has been put together by the geospatial community supporting general use cases.
  - Although it is assumed that the updated ISO/CD 19112:2017(E) won't have a huge impact on the geographical names data provision – reflecting the complexity of the named place concept – it will be assessed by the Working Group.



## Item 2: (2) OGC Standards Working Group

- In January 2012 the Working Group contributed to the comments on the **Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Best Practices Document: Gazetteer Service - Application Profile of the Web Feature Service Candidate Implementation Standard (OGC 11 122r1)**.
- No further activity can be reported since 2012.
- The OGC Gazetteer Best Practice is available at:  
<http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/requests/83>



## Item 2: (3) Unicode Consortium

### → Liaison officer taken over by UK, Catherine Cheetham

- The Working Group reviews character encodings required for geographical names and informs about gaps in the Unicode standard.
- The latest version 9.0 was published on 21 June 2016.
  - Unicode 9.0 adds exactly 7,500 characters, for a total of 128,172 characters, covering 135 scripts.
  - These additions include six new scripts and 72 new emoji characters. The new scripts and characters in Version 9.0 add support for lesser-used languages worldwide. (<http://www.unicode.org/versions/Unicode9.0.0/> ).
- Version 10.0.0 is currently in beta version with a planned publication in mid-2017; this version adds a further 8518 characters for a total of 136,690 characters, including 4 additional scripts (Masaram Gondi, Nushu, Soyombo and Zanabazar Square) and 56 emoji.



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### **UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG)**

- No activity for the last 2 years

### **UN-GGIM / UN-GGIM: Europe – Highlights 2016-2017**

- In order to foster the relationship between UNGEGN and UN-GGIM the Convenor contributed to the document “Relationship of UNGEGN with UN-GGIM – “Building bridges” proposing a cooperation model
- Determination of Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes
  - UN-GGIM: Europe given a mandate by the Committee of Experts to lead a global work in collaboration with other Regional Committees, Member States and observers to develop an agreed minimum set of global fundamental geospatial data themes
  - Convenor and UK nominated to contribute on behalf of UNGEGN (May 2017)





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## UN-GGIM / UN-GGIM: Europe – Highlights 2016-2017

- <http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM7/E-C20-2017-5%20Fundamental%20Data%20Themes%20Report.pdf>
- Provides, amongst others:
  - Context for the Working Group’s task
  - Approach adopted by the Working Group
  - Consideration of the specific needs of other UN-GGIM programs of work
  - Decision:
    - ...adopt the proposed Minimum List of Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes
    - ...GGIM: Europe to continue their work to complete the theme descriptions and
    - ...Provide guidance on steps to promote and socialise the proposed Minimum List [...] widely to achieve benefit by establishing it as the aspiration for all Member States.





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### ANNEX I

#### Proposal for Minimum List of Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes

Reference Frame	
Theme	Brief Description
Global Geodetic Reference Frame	The GGRF is the framework which allows users to precisely determine and express locations on the Earth, as well as to quantify changes of the Earth in space and time. It is not a data theme in the sense of the other themes, but it is a prerequisite for the accurate collection, integration and utilisation of all other geospatial data.
Geographical Names	Geographical names are location identifiers for features of the real world, i.e. cultural and physical features on Earth, such as regions, settlements, or any cultural or geographical or topographical feature of public or historical interest and provide a link to cultural, social and historical heritage. They are often used as a proxy for other data themes e.g. settlements, natural features.
Addresses	An address is a structured label – usually containing a property number, a road name and a locality name – used to identify a plot of land, a building or part of a building, or some other construction together with geographical coordinates. They can be Postal and non-postal. They are often used as a proxy for other data themes e.g. land parcels.

Global fundamental geospatial data themes

Drawing to the attention of the Committee of Experts for the Management of the Report prepared by the Regional Geospatial Information Management Working Group on global fundamental geospatial data (in the language of submission only from [http://ggim.un.org/ggim\\_committee.html](http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html)), please note of the report and to express its views on global fundamental geospatial data

From 3 to 5 August 2016, the Committee of Experts welcomed the report of the Regional Geospatial Information Management Working Group to develop a draft minimum list of fundamental geospatial data themes for consideration by the Committee of Experts. Experts affirmed the view of the working group that national and regional data themes should be the basis for fundamental geospatial data themes and noted the suggestions made to the Committee of Experts of "fundamental data", including their use at multiple spatial and temporal scales.

For Europe outlines the actions it has undertaken to examine fundamental geospatial data as its engagement with the other regional groups, the methodology used and the review

Please recycle





## Item 3: Liaison with the UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG) / UN-GGIM

### UN-GGIM / UN-GGIM: Europe – Highlights 2016-2017

- The European UNGEGN experts provided expertise for commenting and discussing a draft recommendation for content of the theme ‘Geographical Names’ provided by UN-GGIM: Europe Work Group A on Core Data.
  - Draft proposes core recommendations and good practices in addition to the (technical) INSPIRE Data Specification on Geographical Names.
  - The activity is still ongoing and the recommendation has not yet been adopted by UN-GGIM: Europe.
  - The following documents have been referenced:
    - INSPIRE Data Specification on Geographical Names – Technical Guidelines 3.1:  
<http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/id/document/tg/gn>
    - European Location Framework (ELF) Data Specification (chapter 5.3.6):  
[http://elfproject.eu/sites/default/files/ELF\\_DataSpecification\\_v0.12\\_20160328.pdf](http://elfproject.eu/sites/default/files/ELF_DataSpecification_v0.12_20160328.pdf)
  - The updated version of Aug 2017 will be circulated to the UNGEGN experts



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Potentially use the WG TDFG for

- support of Training Courses in Toponymy  
→ ongoing, next one in the Philippines 2018
- contribute to UNGEGN/UN-GGIM relation  
→ Presentation E-CONF-105-158 Relationship UNGEGN-UN-GGIM
- contribute to the discussion about the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and its indicators
- Activities of the IAEG SDG WG GI (established in August 2016)  
→ Panel discussion “Support of geographical names data files and gazetteers to UN-GGIM activities like the SDG’s and 2030 Agenda” on Wednesday, 16 August, in the afternoon.



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- Reference to the report of the Working Group on Geospatial Information established by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG SDG WG GI) emphasizing which SDGs are analysed under a “geospatial lens”:  
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- A Wrap-up meeting next week within the 11<sup>th</sup> UNCSGN?
  - After the Panel Sessions on Friday and Wednesday!  
16.08.2017? ~~Maybe~~ day, 17.08.2017, 09:00 –  
09:45 ~~or 13:15 – 14:00?~~
  - Decisions to be taken over by the [redacted] within the 30th  
UNGEEN Session?
- Other meetings in 2017-2019 to associate with:
  - Norden Division and Dutch- and German-speaking Division in  
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### Panel Discussion: Making Geographical Names Accessible and Available, 15 August 2017

- **Q1:** *Institutional arrangements, please describe what they are and their effectiveness?*
- **Q2:** *Feature types and extents necessarily draw on other datasets such as topographic and hydrographic datasets. Linking names to geographic features is fundamental in a digital age. What challenges and opportunities have you experienced?*
- **Q3:** *Monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of gazetteer websites is critical to ensure we meet user needs. Are we doing enough to meet demand?*
- ...?



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### Panel discussion: “Support of geographical names data files and gazetteers to UN-GGIM activities like the SDG’s and 2030 Agenda”, 16 August 2017

- **Q1:** *What is the current involvement of your institution/you with regard to UN-GGIM activities and particularly on the national monitoring for the Sustainable Development goals?*
- **Q2:** *Has there been already any coordination effort, explicitly requesting the use of geographical names data / gazetteers in your country?*
- **Q3:** How can we generally make better linkages between UNGEGN’s work and UN-GGIM’s activities?
- **Q4:** How can we better promote and make aware of non-technical issues like language, romanization, cultural heritage etc. to UN-GGIM’ activities?
- **Q5:** How do geographical names data and gazetteers fit within the big picture of the SDGs? Are the issues related to production or accessibility?
- **Q6:** Is toponymic information like language, status of a name/language, etc. needed for all SDG indicators where geospatial data is needed?
- **Q7:** What is UNGEGN’s contribution to this overall UN/DESA - ECOSOC work program - 2030 Agenda – leaving no one behind?



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The IAEG SDG WG GI has selected a list of 15 indicators for which geospatial information has a direct contribution:

Goal	Indicator	Tier	#
<i>...indicators for which geospatial information has a direct contribution</i>			
Goal-2   End-hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	2.4.1   Proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture	III	1
Goal-6   Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	6.3.2   Proportion of bodies of water with good ambient water quality	III	2
	6.5.2   Proportion of transboundary basin area with an operational arrangement for water cooperation	II	3
	6.6.1   Change in the extent of water-related ecosystems over time	III	4
Goal-9   Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	9.1.1   Proportion of the rural population who live within 2 km of an all-season road	III	5
	9.c.1   Proportion of population covered by a mobile network, by technology	II	6
Goal-11   Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	11.2.1   Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	II	7
	11.3.1   Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate	II	8
	11.7.1   Average share of the built-up area of cities that is open space for public use for all, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	III	9
Goal-14   Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development	14.2.1   Proportion of national exclusive economic zones managed using ecosystem-based approaches	III	10
	14.5.1   Coverage of protected areas in relation to marine areas	II	11
Goal-15   Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.1.1   Forest area as a proportion of total land area	II	12
	15.1.2   Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type	II	13
	15.3.1   Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area	III	14
	15.4.1   Coverage by protected areas of important sites for mountain biodiversity	II	15

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  - Possibility to link WG on Cultural Heritage and WG Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers
    - Norden Division and Dutch- and German-speaking Division in 2018
  - Other options?

- Decisions by the WG

Task	Responsibility	Date (final)
Get in touch with national representatives in ISO, OGC to make aware of GN issues and be informed about drafts	All members	ongoing
Approach UNECA (through chair?) regarding Gazetteer application	Convenor	30.08.2017
Involve WG in global and regional assessments (UN-GGIM WG FDT)	Convenor	ongoing
Updates its work plan and actions 2017 – 2019 with regard to the discussions about the relationship with UN-GGIM and SDGs	All members	30.10.2017
Integrate the two panel discussion contents into the online discussion forum	Convenor	30.08.2017
Write an article in the UNGEGN Bulletin about the geospatial dimension in the SDGs	Convenor	30.12.2017



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