

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

Minutes

11:00 – 12:30 hrs, Friday, 12 October 2018

To take place
on the occasion of the UNGEGN event on 10-13 October 2018 in Brussel, Belgium
Room: Prins Albert Club (tbd)

Time	TOP#	TOP
11:00	1	<p>Opening</p> <p>The Convenor, <i>Mr. Zaccheddu (DE)</i>, opened the meeting and welcomed the members.</p> <p>Concerning the Decisions of the 30th UNGEGN relating to this Working Group (WG TDFG) the <i>Convenor</i> informed that all activities had been tackled and accomplished.</p>
11:05	2	<p>Liaison with international standardization bodies (ISO, OGC, Unicode)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO The <i>Convenor</i> explained that most documents of the International Organization for Standardization's Technical Committee 211 Geographic information/Geomatics (ISO/TC 211) were addressed to general geographic information issues. He particularly referred to the update of ISO/CD 19112:2017(E) - Geographic information – Spatial referencing by geographic identifiers. This standardization process has not yet been accomplished and will be further monitored by the WG TDFG. Generally he emphasized again to get in touch with national representatives in ISO, OGC to make aware of GN issues and in order to be informed about draft standards. • UNICODE <i>Ms. Cheetham (UK)</i> informs the WG TDFG about the latest UNICODE version 11.0.0, published on 5 June 2018. This version supersedes all previous versions of the Unicode Standard. She proposed to invite UNICODE to the next UNGEGN Session in April 2019. <p><u>Task 1:</u> <i>Invite UNICODE to the next UNGEGN Session in April 2019 → Cheetham (UK)</i></p> <p><u>Task 2:</u> <i>Clarify how to get in touch with ISO in order to contribute to the ISO Language Codes Technical Committee → Convenor and Bureau</i></p>
11:15	3	<p>Liaison UNGEGN with UN-GGIM</p> <p>The <i>Convenor</i> recalled the presentation within the Symposium, Session 4: International standardization "Support of geographical names data files and gazetteers to UN-GGIM activities and 2030 Agenda". In that presentation the collaborative activities, UNGEGN's areas of work and the way forward concerning future opportunities for collaboration with UN-GGIM were touched on.</p>

		<p>The <i>Convenor</i> thanked the European UNGEGN experts for their expertise provided for commenting and discussing a draft recommendation for content of the theme 'Geographical Names' within UN-GGIM: Europe Work Group on Core Data in 2017/2018. Furthermore, the <i>Convenor</i> highlighted that UNGEGN shall further contribute to UN-GGIM's Working Group on Fundamental Data Themes.</p>
11:35	4	<p>Activities of the WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Courses in Toponymy <p>The <i>Convenor</i> informs the WG about the Training Course in Toponymy that had been arranged in the Philippines in spring 2018. The WG invited to consider a participation and contribution to the Training Courses in order to share the responsibilities and time. <i>Mr. Gammeltoft</i> (Convenor of the Working Group on Toponomic Training Courses) stated that an interest by Indonesia for conducting another training course has been raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of UNECA's Geonym application <p>The <i>Convenor</i> informed the participants that a letter to UNECA was sent in January 2018 and that a positive response by UNECA was received in February 2018.</p>
11:50	5	<p>Support of national and regional activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EuroGeographics & Joint Research Center (JRC) – “survey on pan-European gazetteer services” <p>The <i>Convenor</i> informed that results of this survey analysis are available since September 2017, https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/actions/elise_en</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following short presentations (see attachments) were held: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Toponym gazetteer system of our country's new address system of the Republic of Korea, <i>Young-Hoon (John) Kim</i> ○ Merging standardized and non-standardized gazetteers – A case study for transboundary named entity recognition (NER), <i>Gerhard Rampl</i>
12:10	6	<p>Discussion forum within the WG website / Online discussion forum</p> <p>The <i>Convenor</i> provided information about the Online Discussion Forum¹ and presented its current content and some functionalities. Amongst others, the UNGEGN and UN-GGIM – Relationship as well as the support of UNGEGN to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) had been added as additional forums 4 and 5. Furthermore, he reported that only few input has been provided so far on the UNGEGN and UN-GGIM – Relationship and no input or remarks has been received to the old topics in the discussion forums 1, 2 and 3! However, the WG TDFG agreed to re-vitalize the activities through the Online Discussion Forum.</p>
12:20	7	<p>Next meeting of WG TDFG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st UNGEGN, 29 April – 3 May 2019, New York <p>The <i>Convenor</i> kindly requested the WG TDFG members to send any ideas and plans to draft a Working Paper to the <i>Convenor</i>.</p>

¹ <https://wiki.gdi-de.org/display/wgtdfg/Working+Group+on+Toponymic+Data+Files+and+Gazetteers+of+UNEGN>

		<p>Concerning workshop ideas the following proposals were raised and will be further evolved in 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LinkedData applications in the Member States? ○ Toponymic Data Files re-engineering due to SDG requirements? ○ Speech technology – a method for the collection and storage of GN? <p><i>Task 3:</i> <i>Start and coordinate preparations for potential workshops/special presentations (linked data, speech technology, SDG requirements)</i></p>
12:25	8	<p>AOB & Closing</p> <p>The Convenor informed the WG TDFG about the UN World Geospatial Information Congress, 19-21 Nov' 2018, Deqing, China, http://www.unwgic2018.org/welcome.html</p> <p>The <i>Convenor</i> closed the meeting at 12:30 hrs.</p>

Attachments

- ZACCHEDDU_Presentation_UNGEGN-WG-TDFG-meeting_FRI-Oct12_Brussels_v1.0
- YHKIM_UNGEGN_Brussels_20181012
- RAMPL_UNGEGN_Brussels_20181012