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Information Management**

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**Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
(for discussion and decision)**

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| <i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM: Americas | |
| <i>Statement:</i> The UN-GGIM Regional Committee for the Americas: Takes notes of the report and commends the Group of Expert on its “Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029” developed collaboratively over two years with three global consultations, which was approved by the Group of Experts on consensus at its 2021 session in May, and also adopted by ECOSOC at its management meeting in July 2021. Is pleased to be collaborating with UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) to stage the “Geographical names standardization supporting national developing” webinar scheduled for Tuesday 31 August 2021. The webinar seeks to improve awareness, increase knowledge and understanding and strengthen skills in the principles and techniques of geographical naming with a special focus on cultural heritage and practices and procedures in creating and managing a geographical names authority. Member States in the Americas, particularly the Caribbean are encouraged to attend. Joins in the appeal to strengthen collaboration between the Committee of Experts and the Group of Experts to pursue initiatives at the national and regional levels, to share and exchange technical expertise and geographical names data, and conduct joint data collection exercises, in addition to encouraging and communicating the benefits of geographical names standardization and the importance of creating names authorities. | |
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