

## Results of the 29<sup>th</sup> session of UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Bangkok, Thailand, 2016)

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- 29<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) was held 25
  29 April 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand in the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in accordance with the Resolution 2014/240 of the Economic and Social Council.
- At the session it was considered reports of the UNGEGN Chairman and Secretariat, reports of linguistic/geographical divisions, liaison officers and international organizations, a report of the Task Team for Africa.
- The Secretariat received 18 reports from 24 UNGEGN linguistic/geographical divisions on the situation in countries of the region and on the progress reached in the standardization of geographical names for the period since the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference. In the report on the activities carried out in the member countries of the Baltic division, it was summarized the status of these activities.
- In recent years a lack of time has established a practice not to organize the reports' hearing, and make a consideration of the results of the divisions' activities (summary).

- UNGEGN reviewed the implementation of resolutions and activities related to the activities of the working groups on country names, romanization systems, exonyms, toponymic terminology and others.
- It was considered toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors for use internationally.
- The UNGEGN Statute was reviewed and some amendments to the Statute were recommended.
- During the session UNGEGN considered a special presentations of representatives of the divisions and various organizations.
- A separate issue was devoted to the preparations on the 11<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and the 30<sup>th</sup> session of UNGEGN.

- The UNGEGN report on the work of its twenty-ninth session is published on UNGEGN website, maintained by the UN Statistics Division <a href="http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnSession29.html">http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnSession29.html</a>.
- The Session was broadcasted on YouTube channel <u>https://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate\_c?depth=1&hl=ru&prev=search&rurl=translate.google.ru&sl=en&u=https://www.youtube.com/user/UNStats&usg=ALkJrhh2Lu7itfgN7hEN6xGHdpDy0fH5Kg</u>
- UNGEGN Newsletter is regularly published twice per year. The 50<sup>th</sup> issue of the newsletter in June 2016 is devoted to exonyms and posted on the UNGEGN website <a href="http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/bulletin.html">http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/bulletin.html</a>.





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