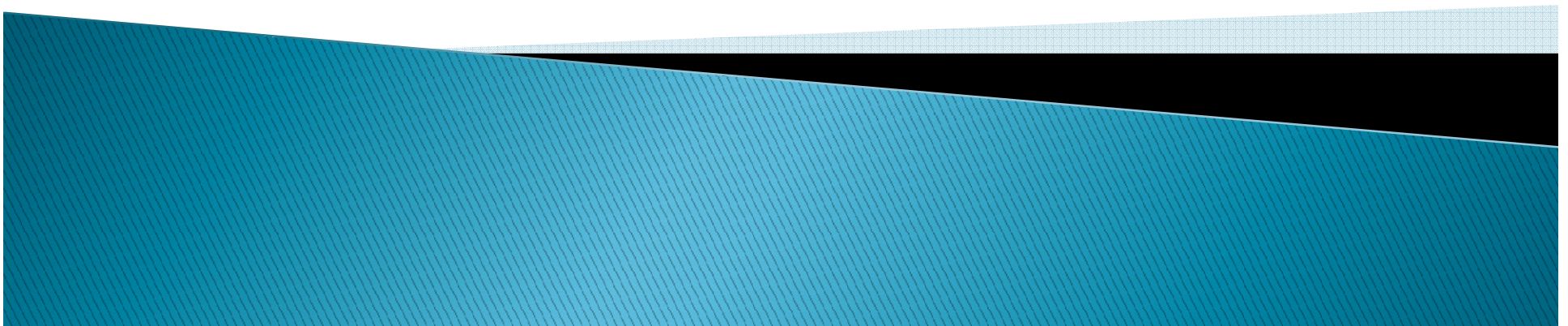


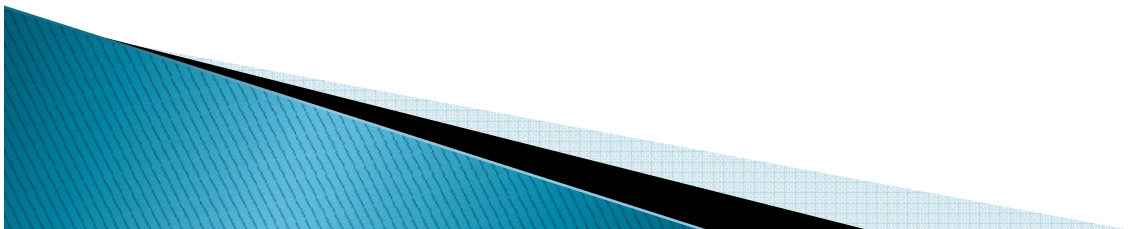
# 25th Session of UNGEGN

Nairobi, 5-12 May 2009



# Sessions of UNGEGN

- ▶ The first session in 1960. Baltic Division's representation since 1992:
  - 21st Session, August 2002, Berlin
  - 22nd Session, April 2004, New York
  - 23rd Session, April 2006, Vienna
  - 24th Session, August 2007, New York
  - 25th Session, May 2009, Nairobi
  - 26th Session, 2011, Geneva or Vienna





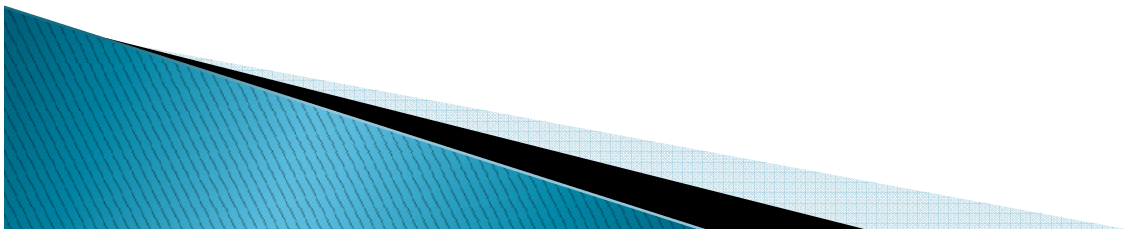
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# UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT NAIROBI

*The UN Headquarters in Africa*

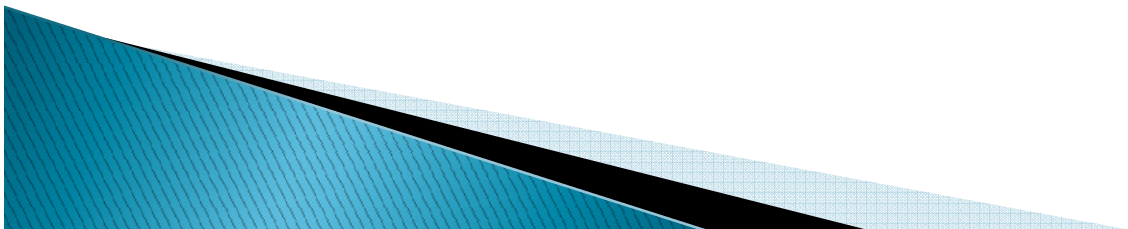
# 25th Session in numbers

- ▶ Participants:
  - 138 experts from 53 countries
- ▶ Represented:
  - 22 divisions (out of 22)
  - all working groups
- ▶ Papers and presentations – more than 100:
  - Report of the Baltic Division
    - see <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/25th-GEGN-Docs/WP%20papers/WP21-BalticDivRep.pdf>
  - Paper on the Place Names Register of Estonia



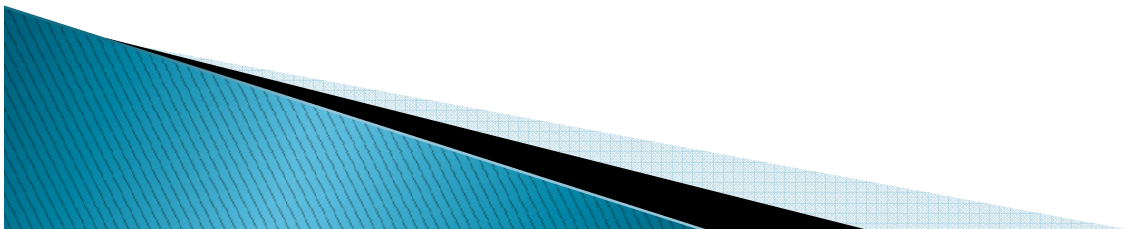
# Main topics at the session 1

- ▶ Reports of the divisions
- ▶ Task Team for Africa
- ▶ Training courses in toponymy
  - training session in Nairobi prior to the session
- ▶ Toponymic data files and gazetteers
  - UNGEGN Database
  - EuroGeoNames
  - free database prototype for developing countries (AfricanGaz)
- ▶ Romanization systems, country names, publicity and funding



# Main topics at the session 2

- ▶ Exonyms
  - difficult discussions on the definition of endonyms
- ▶ Special presentations
  - second administrative level boundaries
  - problems of addressing and development
  - Google Earth
  - Africa essay and poem competition
- ▶ Absence of “traditional” difficult topics
  - (Sea of Japan vs. East Sea; F.Y.R.O.M. etc.)



# Geographical Names Authorities (January 2009)



*With national names authorities*

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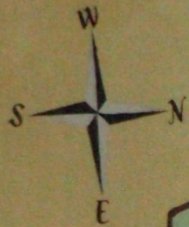








# LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK



- KEY**
- Tract
  - Seasonal road
  - Stream/Waterfall
  - Park Boundary
  - Park Gate
  - Picnic Site
  - Air Strip
  - Bandin
  - Lodge
  - Campsite
  - Bridge
  - Circuit road

- Euphorbia
- Grassland
- Bush/Open Woodland
- Water
- Agriculture
- Lakeside grasses







*Hakuna matata!*

