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database management, data dissemination: products and services)
(Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers)****Report of the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files
and Gazetteers****Summary****

The report provides a summary of the activities of the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names during the intersessional period.

According to the agreed actions for the period 2017–2019, the Working Group has, among other things, assisted the Bureau of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in cooperating with the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management to emphasize, promote and support the tasks and activities of the Group of Experts.

The Working Group has monitored activities and deliverables of Technical Committee 211 of the International Organization for Standardization; the Open Geospatial Consortium; and the Unicode Consortium.

The Working Group has continued to provide consultancy and technical advice concerning the content and structure for data files and gazetteers, among others, through toponymic training courses in the Philippines (2018).

In addition to maintaining the online discussion forum, several Working Group members have contributed articles about national databases and gazetteers to bulletins of the Group of Experts and have participated in national and international events related to Working Group issues.

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

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