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**Reports: Divisions of the Group of Experts****Report of the Romano-Hellenic Division****Summary\*\***

Since the 2023 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, the Romano-Hellenic Division has carried out the following activities:

- Updated its web pages
- Organized its fourth international scientific symposium, on toponyms as a means of expressing identification, location, possession, belonging, division and respect for peoples' cultures, which was held in Rome from 11 to 13 September 2024
- Engaged in cooperation in relation to the International Conference of the Italian Centre for Historical-Geographic Studies, on the theme "Place names, perceptions and territorial portraits: critical lessons, methods and new perspectives between research and didactics", held at the University of Salerno (Italy) on 10 and 11 December 2024
- Worked to promote the importance of geographical names for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through cycles of lessons and conferences involving local toponymic authorities, map agencies, universities, schools and relevant public bodies

For the next two-year period, the main actions of the Division will be aimed at:

- Organizing its fifth international scientific symposium, on the contribution that geographical names can make to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Andrea Cantile (Italy), Chair of the Romano-Hellenic Division. The report will be available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th\\_session\\_2025/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/58/CRP.58.



- Activating close cooperation and exchanges with the Joint International Cartographic Association/International Geographical Union Commission on Toponymy
  - Redesigning and enriching the content of its web page
  - Promoting the importance of standardizing geographical names for the Sustainable Development Goals
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