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**Report of UNGEGN and UNSCGN**

The 29<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) was held from 25-29 April 2016 at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand.

The IHO Report prepared by the IHB was presented by the Liaison Officer. All questions and comments concerning the report were related to the IHO Publication S-23 "Limits of Oceans and Seas." Several papers relating to the work of SCUFN were submitted to the session and included the following:

- The Republic of Korea submitted a paper entitled "New Marine Geographical Names and SCUFN Online Systems Developed by the Republic of Korea" which highlighted a SCUFN activity.
- Austria submitted a paper entitled "When Exonyms and Endonyms turn into International Names." This was a very interesting and thoughtful paper that has direct application to the work of the IHO and SCUFN.
- The United States submitted a paper entitled "Undersea Feature Terminology" which related to the multilingual versions of IHO/IOC B-6.

The 30<sup>th</sup> UNGEGN session is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UNCSGN) in August 2017 in New York City. The United Nations Statistics Division is encouraging UNGEGN to seek stronger ties with the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). Decisions will be made during the 2017 Conference that may affect the future operations of UNGEGN and the nature of its relationship with UN-GGIM.

UNGEGN continues to encourage strengthening liaison relationships with other international bodies, such as the IHO.

All papers submitted to the UNGEGN and UNSCGN events are posted at the UNGEGN website (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/default.html>).