Belgian Report & Place Names Working Group

18 June 2018, Davos (BE)
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Cartes de l'Antarctique

En 2013, suite à un accident d'avion survenu en Antarctique, la volonté de définir un produit spécialement dédié à la préparation des missions aéronautiques sur le continent blanc s'est accentuée.

C'est à ce moment qu'a vu le jour un projet chapeauté par le SCAR-SCAGI (Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research - Standing Committee on Antarctic Geographic Information), comité dont le rôle est d'optimiser la gestion, la visibilité et le partage de tout ce qui touche à l'information géographique en Antarctique. L'objectif principal de ce
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- Members so far: Ursula (AU), Jyp (BE), Lyubo (BG), Songtao (CN), Li (CN), Antonie (DE), Elisabeth (FR), Carlo (IT), Wendy (NZ), Adrian (UK)
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https://www.scar.org/about-us/view-from-south/60years/
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13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; Goal 14
Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources; and Goal
15 Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land
degradation, halt biodiversity loss.

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages; Goal 4:
Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning;
Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; Goal 10
Reduce inequality within and among countries; Goal 12: Ensure sustainable
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    - Connection with UN SDG 2030
    - Liaise UNGEGN
  - New liaison with UNGEGN
    - First presence in August 2017
    - Next participation from 29 April au 3 May 2019
  - First discussions about suggestions by AAD (see the NY minutes and PPT)
  - Reminder about the history of the Guidelines and the CGA
  - Authorisation by ACAN to use the resources for geographic place names correction
1. New names shall not be applied to features that have already been named by a national or international naming authority—in adopting existing names, countries are encouraged not to vary any part of such names.

2. All new names approved and documented by naming authorities should be regularly supplied to SCAR for publication in the SCAR Composite Gazetteer.

3. When selecting existing names for use on maps and in other publications, countries are encouraged to give preference to the earliest approved or documented name—without varying any part of such names.

4. That the Antarctic Treaty formally request SCAR to develop comprehensive ‘Antarctic Toponymic Guidelines’, in close cooperation with national and international naming authorities, based on the adopted principles.

No government has yet made such a request to the Antarctic Treaty.

1. refer to the CGA in considering all proposals for new place names;
2. avoid adding new place names to features already named;
3. submit all new approved place names to the WGGI for inclusion in the CGA.
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- The connection of SCAR with the UN SDG 2030 is well established
- Operations and Scientific research require good place naming
- With our work we support SCAR, hence we support the SDG 2030

- Future of the Liaison with UNGEGN
  - The liaison with UNGEGN is important
  - The Antarctic place names do have specificities
  - Go on with this liaison and to build on our relations with their experts

- Increase our efficiency
  - Virtual meetings, first date to be fixed today (e.g. 4PM CET Wednesday, 9AM CET Friday)
  - Start from the straw man as proposed by Ursula Harris (AAD)
  - If we agree on reviewed Guidelines, follow the SCAR advice of 1996