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**30th UNGEGN Session and 11th Conference**

**Are you in need of funding for the 11th UNCSGN Conference and the 31st UNGEGN Session?**

In order to determine the need for funding for participation in the upcoming UNCSGN Conference and UNGEGN Session in New York 7-18 August 2017, experts who know they will have difficulty in obtaining funding are asked to inform the Convenor of the Working Group on Publicity and Funding, Peder Gammeltoft (email: gammelt@hum.ku.dk), and the UNGEGN Secretariat (email: geoinfo_unsd@un.org) about their funding needs.

Please state your name, work address, who has commissioned you as an UNGEGN/UNCSGN expert and how much funding you should need. Also if you hold any positions within the UNGEGN structure, this should also be stated.

It should be stressed that neither the Working Group on Publicity and Funding, nor the UNGEGN can guarantee funding for experts without travel means. This survey is being done in order to obtain a picture of the funding needs so that relevant funding bodies can be approached.

**Orientation Briefing**

Are you new to UNGEGN?

Is this your first time attending the UNGEGN Session and the UNCSGN Conference?

Do you find everything daunting and confusing?

No need to despair, we will help you to understand the conference and session procedures and practices to ensure a productive and rewarding 10 days with the toponymy community.

The UNGEGN Bureau, in cooperation with the UNGEGN Secretariat will be arranging an orientation briefing for all newcomers on **7 August from 9:30 to 10:00 am** in Meeting Room (to be announced) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The briefing will explain UNGEGN procedures and share general information about the Group of Experts, the UNGEGN Sessions and UNCSGN Conferences.

The Bureau recommends that all newcomers to UNGEGN attend the meeting. If you wish to attend the meeting, please e-mail the UNGEGN Secretariat at geoinfo_unsd@un.org, no later than **14 July 2017** indicating your contact details, job title, country and name of organization. This is to allow the Secretariat to have an idea of the expected number of participants and make general arrangements for the briefing.

**NB!!** Experienced experts are asked to forward this information to new experts to UNGEGN as quickly as possible.

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