PCGN Meeting Minutes, Monday 26th November 2018
Royal Geographical Society, London

Present
PCGN Staff
Defence Geographic Centre (JFIG-DGC)
United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO)
Defence Language Service (DLS)
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)
BBC Monitoring (BBCM)

Apologies for absence: Royal Scottish Geographical Society and Ordnance Survey.

1. Head PCGN welcomed the Committee members.

2. The Minutes of the 202nd meeting were considered and action items arising discussed.

3. Head PCGN briefly discussed the previously circulated report detailing recent work completed by the PCGN staff.

4. PCGN had taken part in meetings of various Working Groups of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNEGEGN) in October. PCGN would be attending the first Session of the new-style UNGEGN in New York in April/May 2019.

5. DLS and BL had nothing to report.

6. BBCM reported that BBC policy was to use the country name Eswatini as the new country name for Swaziland.

7. UKHO reported on the latest Electronic Navigation Chart (ENC) updates. UKHO would pass information about name changes in Oman to PCGN.

8. FCO reported that an update of their briefing maps was being undertaken and these were being passed to PCGN to be checked.
9. DGC reported on recent names work for the Multinational Geospatial Co-production Programme (MGCP).

10. PCGN presented two new Factfiles for Brunei and Malaysia and an information paper describing the administrative divisions of China.

11. PCGN updated the Committee on progress on the country name change from ‘Macedonia’ to ‘North Macedonia’.

12. PCGN described the preparations for the 100th anniversary of PCGN in 2019 under AOB.

13. Head PCGN thanked the Committee members for their participation and their ongoing support in promoting and sharing PCGN’s work.