Linking geographical names to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals utilising AI

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SUMMARY

Geographical Names provide orientation and identity to places. They are location identifiers for cultural and physical features of the real world, such as regions, settlements, or any feature of public or historical interest. They are often used as a proxy for other data themes such as Buildings and Settlements. Logical geographic names are essential to identify locations for managing emergencies and delivering goods and services across the world. ☐☐The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a group of 17 goals covering 169 targets. The SDGs are an urgent call for action by all countries, both developed and developing, to act in a global partnership to support global sustainable development.☐☐Geographic names are essential to support the delivery of SDGs. We cannot deliver SDGs without reporting and this in turn cannot be undertaken without an authoritative list of geographic names, including roads, geographic features and localities. This in turn is supported by a suite of authoritative spatial data layers. ☐☐Utilising AI can fast track the process to build connections and is an amazing tool which has supported the creation of a paper, providing ideas and areas to explore further. Is this appropriate, let's find out.☐☐Connecting place names to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be a productive and valuable way to raise awareness and promote action towards sustainable development. This can be undertaken through a variety of naming approaches. Encouraging naming authorities to use place names that reflect the local history and culture but also promote values aligned with sustainable development and community well-being. ☐☐The paper builds the connections between SDGs and geographical names, providing ideas for naming authorities and the wider community to make connections and support a more environmental harmonious world. Geographical names have the power to build these connections.☐

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