

Foreign Names Information Bulletin Number 17

PURPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN

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- Names from languages which are not written in Roman script are spelled in accordance with BGN-approved romanization systems.
- **Bolded** parts of names identify short-form names. Both short-form and long-form names are approved for use.
- In entries in which more than one name is approved, each name is identified in brackets and any or all names may be used.
- Conventional names are English-language names which are in current usage and which are approved by BGN.
- Diacritics are graphic marks usually occurring above or below a letter, indicating differences in pronunciation or meaning, as compared to an unmarked letter of the alphabet. Examples are the acute accent (´) and the cedilla (¸).
- Federal Government users should follow their own agency's policy on the use of local names versus conventional names for those features for which both types of names are approved.
- The four-character Federal Information Processing Standard 10 (FIPS 10) code follows entries for administrative entities. The code in the Former Name column is the active FIPS 10 code for the entity. The code in the New Name column is the proposed new code. Proposed codes are forwarded to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, for formal update of the FIPS 10 standard.

DESIGNATION CODES AND DESIGNATIONS

ADM1	first-order administrative division (for example, a province)
ADM2	second-order administrative division
LK	lake
PPLC	capital of a political entity

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<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
1. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, UGANDA	
Albert, Lake [conventional]; Lac Mobutu Sese Seko [CONGO (Kinshasa)]; Lake Mobutu Sese Seko [UGANDA]; LK 1°40'N 31°00'E (CG00)	Albert, Lake [conventional and UGANDA]; Lac Albert [CONGO (Kinshasa)]; LK 1°40'N 31°00'E (CG00)
Edward, Lake [conventional]; Lac Idi Amin [CONGO (Kinshasa)]; Lake Idi Amin Dada [UGANDA]; LK 0°21'S 29°35'E (CG00)	Edward, Lake [conventional and UGANDA]; Lac Édouard [CONGO (Kinshasa)]; LK 0°21'S 29°35'E (CG00)
2. JORDAN	
None	‘Ajlūn , Muḥāfazat: ADM1 32°20'N 35°45'E (JO20)
None	Al ‘Aqabah [short form]; Muḥāfazat al ‘Aqabah [long form]: ADM1 29°45'N 35°20'E (JO21)
Al Balqā' [short form]; Muḥāfazat al Al Balqā' [long form]: ADM1 32°00'N 35°40'E (JO02)	No change
Al Karak [short form]; Muḥāfazat al Karak [long form]: ADM1 31°10'N 35°45'E (JO09)	No change
Al Mafrāq [short form]; Muḥāfazat al Mafrāq [long form]: ADM1 32°15'N 37°30'E (JO10)	Al Mafrāq [short form]; Muḥāfazat al Mafrāq [long form]: ADM1 32°20'N 37°55'E (JO15)
‘Ammān , Muḥāfazat: ADM1 31°35'N 36°30'E (JO11)	‘Ammān , Muḥāfazat: ADM1 31°35'N 36°20'E (JO16)
Aṭ Ṭafīlah [short form]; Muḥāfazat aṭ Ṭafīlah [long form]: ADM1 30°45'N 35°40'E (JO12)	Aṭ Ṭafīlah [short form]; Muḥāfazat aṭ Ṭafīlah [long form]: ADM1 30°45'N 35°35'E (JO12)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
JORDAN (cont.)	
Az Zarqā' [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat az Zarqā' [long form]: ADM1 32°05'N 36°15'E (JO13)	Az Zarqā' [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat az Zarqā' [long form]: ADM1 31°50'N 36°50'E (JO17)
Irbid , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 32°25'N 35°45'E (JO14)	Irbid , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 32°30'N 35°50'E (JO18)
None	Jarash , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 32°15'N 35°55'E (JO22)
Ma'an , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 30°15'N 36°15'E (JO07)	Ma'an , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 30°20'N 36°35'E (JO19)
None	Mādabā , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 31°35'N 35°40'E (JO23)

3. **KUWAIT**

Al Aḥmadī [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat al Aḥmadī [long form]: ADM1 29°00'N 48°00'E (KU01)	Al Aḥmadī [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat al Aḥmadī [long form]: ADM1 28°50'N 47°55'E (KU04)
None	Al Farwānīyah [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat al Farwānīyah [long form]: ADM1 29°15'N 47°55'E (KU06)
Al Kuwayt [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat al Kuwayt [long form]: ADM1 29°20'N 47°55'E (KU02)	Al 'Āṣimah [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat al 'Āṣimah [long form]: ADM1 29°20'N 47°55'E (KU02)
None	Al Jhrā' [short form]; Muḥāfaẓat al Jhrā' [long form]: ADM1 29°35'N 47°30'E (KU05)
Ḥawallī , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 29°17'N 47°59'E (KU03)	Ḥawallī , Muḥāfaẓat: ADM1 29°15'N 48°05'E (KU03)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
4. <u>MALDIVES</u>	
Male: PPLC 4°10'N 73°30'E	Maale [Maldivian]; Male [conventional]: PPLC 4°10'N 73°30'E
5. <u>SLOVAKIA</u>	
None	Banskobystrický Kraj: ADM1 48°30'N 19°30'E (LO01)
None	Bratislavský Kraj: ADM1 48°20'N 17°10'E (LO02)
None	Košický Kraj: ADM1 48°40'N 21°20'E (LO03)
None	Nitriansky Kraj: ADM1 48°10'N 18°20'E (LO04)
None	Prešovský Kraj: ADM1 49°10'N 18°15'E (LO05)
Stredoslovenský Kraj: ADM2 48°40'N 19°10'E	Delete
None	Trenčianskz Kraj: ADM1 48°50'N 18°15'E (LO06)
None	Trnavský Kraj: ADM1 48°25'N 17°40'E (LO07)
Východoslovenský Kraj: ADM2 48°55'N 21°10'E	Delete
Západoslovenský Kraj: ADM2 48°20'N 18°00'E	Delete
None	Žilinský Kraj: ADM1 49°10'N 19°10'E (LO08)

*Former Name**New Name***ERRATA**

1. The following entry is a corrected version of the one which appeared in *Foreign Names Information Bulletin No. 16* (30 March 1998), page 2.

FINLAND

Ahvenanmaa [Finnish short form];

Ahvenanmaan Maakunta [Finnish long form];

Landskapet **Åland** [Swedish];

ADMD 60°15'N 20°00'E (FI01)

Åland [Swedish short form];

Ålands Län [Swedish long form];

Ahvenanmaa [Finnish short form];

Ahvenanmaan Lääni [Finnish long form];

ADM1 60°15'N 20°00'E (FI01)