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# GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

International Association on Geoparks

CELEBRATING EARTH HERITAGE – SUSTAINING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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## NEWS FEED

Dear members of the Global Geoparks Network,

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The COVID-19 pandemic is still seriously affecting our societies, our economic and social life, and especially our Geopark activities.

In this NEWSFEED you will find the UNESCO announcement on the 2020 Geopark Evaluation and Revalidation Missions as well as news regarding the GGN Events during July and August.

The GGN Executive Board in collaboration with UNESCO Secretariat working systematically in order to find effective ways of keeping alive the Global and Regional Geopark Networks and their activities, encouraging and supporting Aspiring Geoparks around the Globe to continue their activities and engagement with local communities in order to become UNESCO Global Geoparks.

In order to encourage communication between the Geoparks we organize various digital events and we are planning many more for the coming months.

On July 16th a WELCOME DIGITAL EVENT organised to welcome New UNESCO Global Geoparks nominated by the UNESCO Executive Board on July 8th. UNESCO ADG and all the members of the Geopark family were present to welcome the new members and to celebrate their participation in the Network.

We are happy to welcome all the new Geoparks in our Network.

On Sunday 9th of August, UNESCO Global Geoparks celebrated a very special day, the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. THE GGN invited all the Geoparks to celebrate with their indigenous peoples for their culture, their human rights, languages, ancient histories.

On Monday 31st of August, 2020 at 13:00 – 15:00 GMT a DIGITAL FOLLOW UP COURSE will be organised for discussing with the participants of the of the Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2020 "UNESCO Global Geoparks: Territories of Resilience" and the Aspiring Geoparks.

More digital activities will be announced soon....

The GGN Executive Board

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## **UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS**

### **UPDATE ON PLANNED EVALUATION/REVALIDATION MISSIONS UNESCO MESSAGE**

#### **TO GEOPARKS & EVALUATORS**

The Chief of Earth Sciences and Geo-hazards Risk Reduction Section, UNESCO Global Geoparks Secretariat Mr. Kristof Vandenberghe sent a very important message about the evaluation and revalidation mission during August 2020. The message is as follow:

“Dear colleagues,

Earlier this month, you received an email from us asking if in principle you agree to undertake an evaluation- or revalidation mission in the next months. In the meanwhile, the involved territories also received an email informing them on the evaluators that have been selected for the respective missions and some of you have established contact already. We received feedback from many of you and have taken good note of the reservations that some of you expressed. We have of course all understanding for that position and we wish to emphasize again that the safety of our experts and the staff in the UGGp is our priority. Postponing all missions to next year would pose logistic and statutory challenges, but the option will be considered if needed, in due time.

As the International Geoparks Conference has been postponed to September 2021, the next UGGp Council will not be held in Jeju Island. As a fall back solution, we plan to hold this council meeting in November 2020 in Paris, at UNESCO’s headquarters, or even virtually if needed. Of course, this will also depend on the evolution of the pandemic and the related safety

measures, and on the number of evaluations/revalidations that have been conducted.

For the time being, and in light of the recent development of the pandemic, it is safe to say that no missions should be undertaken in August 2020. Together with GGN, we monitor the situation and we will look at the situation again early September. We will get back to you with an update then. As always, feel free to contact us for further information if needed.

In the meanwhile we wish you all the best for the coming weeks, and a good break for those who have foreseen holidays.

With kind regards,

Kristof Vandenberghe"

The GGN Executive Board in collaboration with UNESCO Secretariat at its next meeting will examine again the current situation connected with COVID-19 pandemic and will discuss about the evaluation and revalidation missions during autumn.

## **GEPARKS CONFERENCES & EVENTS**

### **FOLLOW UP COURSE of the 1st DIGITAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS**

### **UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS: Territories of Resilience**

**Monday 31st August 2020 at 13:00-15:00 GMT**

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNESCO Global Geoparks

GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

Geoparks

WORLD GEOPARKS OF AMERICA, LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

ASIAN PACIFIC GEOPARKS NETWORK

International Digital Course  
on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2020

**UNESCO Global Geoparks:  
Territories of Resilience**

**FOLLOW UP**

Qinling Zhongnanshan UGGP, China

English Riviera UGGP, UK

Ngorongoro Lengai UGGP, Tanzania

Tumbler Ridge UGGP, Canada

Katlaokura UGGP, Chile

**August 31st | 13.00-15.00 GMT**

UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE LEVKOS PETRIIFIED FOREST

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNESCO

UNESCO Club on Geoparks and sustainable development of tourism and coastal areas

University of the Aegean, Greece

The success of the Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2020 on "**UNESCO Global Geoparks: Territories of Resilience**" led the GGN Executive Board to establish a FOLLOW UP COURSE which is scheduled on Monday 31st August 2020 at 13:00 – 15:00. During the FOLLOW UP

COURSE will be discussed issues related with the course, will be clarified issues and exchanged ideas and experiences.

The FOLLOW UP COURSE of the Digital Course on "**UNESCO Global Geoparks 2020 on "UNESCO Global Geoparks: Territories of Resilience"**" will be co-organised by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network.

It will be hosted and delivered by the University of the Aegean – Department of Geography and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest at Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, North Aegean Region, Greece.

During the FOLLOW UP COURSE, the participants will have the opportunity to discuss with internationally renowned scientists and experts from UNESCO and UNESCO Global Geoparks:

In order to participate in the digital FOLLOW COURSE UP please visit the link <https://www.gotomeet.me/PetrifiedForest/digital-course-on-unesco-global-geoparks>

#### **COURSE DIRECTOR:**

##### **Prof. Nickolas Zouros**

*UNESCO Chair on Geoparks and sustainable development of insular and coastal areas*

*University of the Aegean, Greece,*

*GGN President, UGG Council Member, EGN & APGN Advisory Committee,*

*Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark Coordinator,*

*Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest Director*

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## **9th August - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**



# The Global Geoparks Network celebrates



## the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2020



Qeshm Island UGGp, Iran (Islamic Republic of)



M'Goun UGGp, Morocco



Alxa Desert UGGp, China



Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp, Viet Nam



Ngorongoro Lengai UGGp, Tanzania



Colca y Volcanes de Andagua UGGp, Peru



Batur UGGp, Indonesia



Comarca Minera, Hidalgo UGGp, Mexico

### Sunday 9 August



# The Global Geoparks Network celebrates



## the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2020



Mixteca Alta UGGp, Mexico



M'Goun UGGp, Morocco



Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp, Viet Nam



Kutrailkura UGGp, Chile



Toba UGGp, Indonesia



Colca y Volcanes de Andagua UGGp, Peru



Shilin UGGp, China



Ngorongoro Lengai UGGp, Tanzania

### Sunday 9 August

The Global Geoparks Network celebrated the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, a very special day for Geoparks as indigenous peoples have a vital role in the preservation and celebration of their culture, their human rights, languages, ancient histories.

By involving indigenous communities, UNESCO Global Geoparks recognise the importance of these communities, their culture and the link between these communities and their land. It is one of the criteria of UNESCO Global Geoparks that local and indigenous knowledge, practice and management systems, alongside science, are included in the planning and management of the area.

Last May the Global Geoparks Network Executive Board decided to celebrate on August 9th the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and asked all Geopark management bodies, partners and stakeholders to join the campaign and to promote across all social media platforms the important role of their indigenous peoples for our culture and our communities.

## GEPARKS EVENTS

### Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network (GEOLAC)

The Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network was strongly supported initiatives to commemorate the International Day of Indigenous Peoples, August 9th, 2020.

### Second National Seminar of Indigenous Peoples of Cariri Cearense



**On August 9th, 10th and 11th, a digital event was organized by Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark and the Regional University of Cariri, celebrating the indigenous peoples of Cariri through the Second National Seminar of Indigenous Peoples of Cariri Cearense.**

**For more information please visit [http://abre.ai/cariri\\_umari\\_and](http://abre.ai/cariri_umari_and) and [http://abre.ai/seminario\\_cariri](http://abre.ai/seminario_cariri)**

**Geowebinar "Cosmovision of Indigenous People and Sustainable Development in UNESCO Global Geoparks Territories in Latin America and the Caribbean"**



**GEOPARQUES MUNDIALES UNESCO** *Territorios De Resiliencia*

**RED DE GEOPARQUES de América Latina y el Caribe**

UNESCO  
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura

Oficina de Montevideo  
Oficina Regional de Gestión para América Latina y el Caribe

## Geowebinar: 27 y 28 de Agosto

Cosmovisión de los pueblos originarios y el desarrollo sostenible en los territorios de los Geoparques de América Latina y el Caribe

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**Día 27**  
Palabras de inicio actividad  
Denise Gorfinkiel. Encargada Programa Geociencias y Geoparques America Latina y Caribe , oficina Unesco Montevideo

Patricio Melo , Coordinador Red GEOLAC

Conversatorio : Intercambio visiones y desafíos pueblos originarios de los Geoparques Mixteca Alta Mexico, Comarca Minera de Mexico, Rio Coco Nicaragua , Araripe de Brasil.

**Día 28**  
Conversatorio: Intercambio de visiones y desafíos de pueblos originarios de los Geoparques Imbabura - Ecuador, Colca Andagua y Volcanes de Peru, Grutas de Palacio Uruguay y Kútralkura de Chile .

Declaración grupo de Trabajo

Ingrid Nahuelcura Domihual, Ulkantufe Pehuenche

Palabras de cierre.

Colabora: Te invitamos: @redgeolac y @SUGeo.UNAM @SUGEO-Geoparques

**Horario:**  
 - Nicaragua 09:00 hrs  
 - México / Perú / Ecuador 10:00 hrs  
 - Chile 11:00 hrs  
 - Uruguay / Brasil 12:00 hrs

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**The Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network, in partnership with the UNESCO office in Montevideo, hold on August 27 and 28 the Geowebinar "Cosmovision of Indigenous People and Sustainable Development in UNESCO Global Geoparks Territories in Latin America and the Caribbean". The program had the participation of indigenous and re-emerging peoples, from the Geoparks territories.**

**During the Geowebinar, on August 28th, Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network presented the Declaration about the GEOLAC UNESCO Global Geoparks Indigenous People.**

**The GEOLAC Declaration**

**Imbabura UNESCO Global Geopark**

**Role of indigenous peoples in the Imbabura Geopark process**

**07 AGOSTO 16H00** EVENTO TRANSMITIDO POR: **f LIVE**




**•Rol de los pueblos originarios en el proceso del Geoparque Imbabura.**






**Conferencista: Cristina Males**  
 Vice Prefecta de Imbabura

**Conferencista: Rosa Colimba**  
 Pdta. del GAD Parroquial de Angochagua.

**Conferencista: Raúl Cevallos**  
 Gestor Cultural.

**Conferencista: Cesar Cotacachi**  
 Gestor Cultural.

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**#ManténLaDistancia**

Imbabura UNESCO Global Geopark, in Ecuador on August 7th organised a discussion via ZOOM and Facebook LIVE, with the theme "Role of indigenous peoples in the Imbabura Geopark process", with the participation of representatives of the Otavalo, Angochagua, Cotacachi peoples.



Sharing pleasant moments with the Chuquín family, their worldview, their skills in pottery and traditions.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

## Rio Coco UNESCO Global Geopark

Rio Coco UNESCO Global Geopark participated in the celebration of the International Day of Indigenous Peoples on August 9th, 2020 with a social media campaign. In the Geopark's YouTube channel one of the indigenous leaders spoke about Mother Earth, Cosmvision and Rio Coco Geopark.

Please visit the Rio Coco UNESCO Global Geopark YouTube channel and participate in the celebration of the International Day of Indigenous Peoples:

<https://youtu.be/fTdFWvfDeq8>

## Zhangye UNESCO Global Geopark

**Yugurs in Zhangye UGGp Celebrating the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**



Yugur is one of ethnic groups living in Zhangye UGGp. As indigenous people, the Yugurs have an ardent love for the nature, they celebrate their culture and show their respect to the nature by holding different ceremonies each year. In this year, encouraged by Administration for Zhangye UGGp, Yugur people held a great horse racing in Kangle prairie of Zhangye UGGp during the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, after the COVID-19 was eased and controlled in the region.

Please click [here](#) to find out more for more about the Zhangye UNESCO Global Geopark celebration of the International Day of Indigenous Peoples.

## **WELCOME DIGITAL EVENT**

### **for the new UNESCO Global Geoparks**



With great enthusiasm the Geoparks family welcomed the 15 New UNESCO Global Geoparks and 1 Geopark major extension in a big welcome digital event which was held on 16th of July 2020.

The event, jointly organized by UNESCO and the GGN was the first to be organized digitally with the presence of more than 200 participants all around the globe!

The new UNESCO Global Geoparks were greeted by the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences at UNESCO, Ms Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, the President of the Global Geoparks Network Prof. Nickolas Zouros and the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Chair Dr. Guy Martini.

The Representatives of the 15 New UNESCO Global Geoparks presented shortly their territories and received the wishes of all participants:

- Maestrazgo (Spain)
- Xiangxi (China)
- Black Country (UK)
- Cliffs of Fundy (Canada)
- Yangan Tau (Russian Federation)
- Toba Caldera (Indonesia)
- Lauhanvuori-Haemeenkangas (Finland)
- Hantangang (Republic of Korea)
- Djerdap (Serbia)
- Zhangye (China)
- Discovery (Canada)
- Estrela (Portugal)
- Rio Coco (Nicaragua)
- Granada (Spain)
- Dak Nong (Vietnam)

and Kula-Salihli (Turkey) - major extension.

The new Geoparks were presented by Prof. Xiaochi Jin GGN Vice President and APGN Coordinator, Dr. Kristin Rangnes GGN Treasurer and EGN Coordinator, Prof. Setsuya Nakada Chair of the GGN Advisory Board and Prof. Patricio Mello GGN ExB member and Coordinator of the GeoLAC.

The event was enriched by live music bands from 4 continents

Rio Coco - Nicaragua

Maestrazgo - Spain

M'goun - Morocco

Dak Nong - Vietnam

Warm congratulations to all!

Nothing can stop the development of Geoparks,

Even during COVID-19 pandemic networking and exchange among all UNESCO Global Geoparks show our Global Geoparks Network stronger!



## UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS INITIATIVES

### 1st Global Geopark Network Film Festival

**NEW Application deadline: 31 May 2021**



The first edition of the GGN Film festival will be organized during the 9th Conference on UNESCO Global Geopark in from 12 to 14 September 2021 in Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark.

After the postponement of the 9th Conference on UNESCO Global Geopark the deadline for new applications is 31st of May 2021.

The 1st Film Festival is a unique opportunity to mobilize both Geopark directors and Documentary Directors - filmmakers to collaborate in order to create new documentary and promotional videos on Geoparks.

Each Geopark can present only one video.

For more information please visit the website:

<https://filmfest.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/>

We are looking forward to receive your films.

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED

## **1st UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM**

### **Rescheduled to September 2021**

The 1st UNESCO Global Geoparks Youth Forum will be organized during the 9th Conference on UNESCO Global Geopark in **September 2021**.

The main purpose of the UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM is to offer young people an opportunity to engage more concretely in the preparation of the philosophy mandate and activities of the UNESCO Global Geoparks, elaborate their contribution to the debates of the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks and foster their commitment to the realization of the future they want, being actors of change in their territories. They will elaborate their proposal for actions contributing to the UNESCO Global Geoparks strategic framework for action 2021-2025, to address heritage protection, natural hazards mitigation, climate change and sustainable development in general.

Each Country hosting UNESCO Global Geoparks will be represented in the YOUTH FORUM with youth delegates engaged with UNESCO Global Geoparks that believe in their power of making changes and aim to become influential within their communities.

The 1st Assembly of the YOUTH FORUM will take place in parallel with the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks which will take place in Jeju island, Republic of Korea in September 2021.

Participants need to be aged from 18 to 24 years (according to UN/UNESCO Youth designation), showing their engagement with UNESCO Global Geoparks:

- in their respective living/working contexts - territories and communities already included in the UNESCO Global Geoparks
- on issues related to Geological Heritage conservation, climate change adaptation, natural disaster mitigation, geo-tourism and sustainable territorial development.

Participants can be Geopark staff, Geopark partners, University researchers, phd candidates, university students or school students with clear

engagement through their research or educational activity. Observers may include Youths from Countries hosting aspiring UNESCO Global Geoparks.

GGN - National Geopark Fora or Committees are responsible to nominate the representative of each country in the UNESCO Global Geoparks YOUTH FORUM and shall cover the expenses for their participation in the UNESCO Global Geoparks YOUTH FORUM meetings.

If a country wishes to nominate more representatives for the UNESCO Global Geopark YOUTH FORUM then the youth representatives of a country consist a country team with one vote at the UNESCO Global Geopark YOUTH FORUM meetings.

In case that a country (especially those with one Geopark) has difficulty to cover the expenses of the youth participation in the GGN YOUTH FORUM, can use the grant policy of the Conference or ask for support from GGN.

The Operational Guidelines of the 1st YOUTH FORUM have been agreed at the 64th GGN ExB meeting on December 10th, 2019.

### **YOUTH FORUM OPERATION GUIDELINES**

We are looking forward to receive your youth participations.

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED

## **NEW CALLS**

# **CALL FOR HOSTS OF THE 10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS 2023**

**New deadline for application submission:  
31 December 2020**



**The GGN Executive Board at its 78th meeting on 8th July 2020 and in close collaboration with UNESCO Section on Earth Sciences and Geo-Hazards Risk Reduction and taking into account the decision for**



**shifting all the physical conferences and events for the period 2020-2022 to the period 2021-2023 decided that the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks will take place in September 2023.**

**It also decided to extend the deadline for application submissions till the 31st of December 2020.**

If your organization or country is interested in hosting the 2023 Conference, you are kindly invited to submit a well-developed technical proposal specifying the offer.

This bid is addressed to countries and regions which already have UNESCO Global Geoparks, and whose contribution will be essential for the success of the event.

**Your bid should contain information on the following components:**

### **1) Technical**

- The conference has to be hosted and organized by an efficient and experienced team, including UNESCO Global Geopark specialists and geoscientists, communication experts, administration support team and tourism specialists.
- UNESCO Global Geoparks and Global Geopark Network (GGN) members (in the country and within the region) should actively participate and provide their expertise. The conference is the most important event for UNESCO Global Geoparks staff and GGN members to meet and exchange knowledge and experiences on Geopark building and operation
- The venue of the meeting should be big enough to accommodate 800 – 1000 delegates and should provide easy access for international participants.
- Representatives proposed by the GGN Executive Board should be nominated to the Conference Organizing Committee.

### **2) Financial**

- The conference and the preparations need to be financed by the organizers who, if necessary, should seek private and public funding. The financial statement should be clear and based on realistic estimates and feasible plans.
- The candidate should present a proposal for the conference budget including data on the financial resources, possible sponsor contribution, participant's fees and grant policy.
- The budget should include the cost of hosting the meeting of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council (UGGpC – 16p) and GGN Executive Board (13p), including travel, hotel and subsistence allowance for three days.
- The participant's registration fee should be 'reasonable' taking into account that UNESCO Global Geoparks are present in all regions of the globe, including the developing world, and people sometimes travel long distances.

- The organizers must provide a fee to GGN in accordance to the 2016 GGN General Assembly decision on the GGN budget (September 19th, 2016). This amount will be equivalent to 50 Euro per participant.

### 3) Organization

- The past conferences in Beijing 2004 (China), Belfast 2006 (Northern Ireland), Osnabrück in Tera Vita UGGp 2008 (Germany), Langkawi UGGp 2010 (Malaysia), Shimabara in Unzen Volcanic Area UGGp 2012 (Japan), Saint John, in Stonehammer UGGp 2014 (Canada), Torquay in English Riviera UGGp 2016 (UK), Madona di Campiglio in Adamello Brenta UGGp - 2018 (Italy) had strong local, governmental and ministerial support and extensive media coverage. The organization team is advised to include governmental entities as well as a broad spectrum of other groups like Tourism Boards, Councils of towns, counties, Geological Surveys, Universities etc..
- The bid should foresee logistic arrangements for several other open and closed business meetings, workshops and events will run both in advance and during the conference in addition to the earlier mentioned UGGp Council meeting (16p. + 50-100p. observers) and GGN Executive Board meeting (15p.), these include the GGN General Assembly (220 p.), the GGN Advisory Board Meeting (60p.), GGN Youth Forum Meeting (60p.), the Regional Geopark Networks Advisory Committees (APGN 15p., EGN 15p., GeoLAG 10 p.) and the Coordination Committee Meetings (APGN 70 p., EGN 170 p., GeoLAG 30 p). The bid should duly anticipate and accommodate these meetings.
- The Conference schedule should also include special sessions for GGN Working Group Workshops, Thematic workshops as well as the UNESCO Global Geoparks Evaluator's Seminar (120p).
- It is a prerequisite that the country where the conference is proposed already hosts UNESCO Global Geoparks.

### 4) Content

- The Conference theme must be closely related to the core topics of the UNESCO Global Geoparks.
- Each organizer will put the focus on specific themes of their interest, which are not preliminarily fixed, but will be discussed in more detail with UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network during the preparation and planning phase.

### 5) Carbon Footprint Mitigation Initiative

Since UGGps are propagating environmentally friendly tourism, the conference organizer may want to propose ways/projects to reduce the carbon footprint of such big gathering.

### 6) Timing

**Please ensure that your full bid is submitted electronically by December 31, 2020. to: GGN ([ggnassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:ggnassociation@hotmail.com)) and UNESCO ([m.patzak@unesco.org](mailto:m.patzak@unesco.org))**

The above list is not exhaustive and aims only to provide some first guidance.

Please note that we strive to rotate the hosting of the International Conference to different regions of the world.

Related websites:

[www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org](http://www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org)

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/unesco-global-geoparks>

## **YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED**

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# **UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS: TERITORIES OF RESELIENCE**

## **GEOPARKS SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

### **EXAMPLES OF GEOPARK'S GOOD PRACTICES**

#### **M'Goun UGGp (Morocco)**

As part of the reinforcement of the health measures taken for facing the pandemic of the new Coronavirus, the Geopark M'Goun Association confirmed its presence in the efforts exerted to face the consequences of the Covid-19 epidemic. By contributing to the overall mobilization process, and harnessing their potential to support efforts to combat the epidemic and to reduce its economic, social, and health consequences, by providing 15000 medical masks to the residents of mountainous areas in the Geopark M'Goun territory.

[Please click here for more information](#)

#### **English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**

The English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark prepared the "COVID19 Transformation Plan and Community Case Study" as a contribution towards the UGGp Territories of Resilience initiative.

The Geopark Transformation Plan it will provide local people an opportunity to rediscover and enjoy the heritage and natural environment on our own doorstep, whether the coastline, beaches, the rural and urban areas, the caves and heritage highlights across the Geopark, either by getting out and about or from home.

[Please click here for more information](#)

## GEPARKS ACTIVITIES

### M'Goun UGGp (Morocco)

**MOROCCO**  
trail race

PRESENTED BY  
GÉOPARC  
M'GOUN

**GO!**

**2020**  
NOVEMBER 6-7-8

**110 Km 80 Km 60 Km 46 Km 25 Km 10 Km**

### MOROCCO TRAIL RACE 2020

M'Goun UGGp will organise the "MOROCCO TRAIL RACE 2020", an international sporting event, which aims to promote mountain tourism. The race will be held from 6th to 8th November 2020 and will be organised in six different races (110km, 80km, 60km, 46km, 25km, 10km). The Morocco TRAIL Races offers participants to live an extraordinary and wild experience in the M'Goun massif, culminating at 4068m above sea level. Novice runner or expert ultra-traileur will have the opportunity to discover the wonders of the landscapes of the Central High Atlas, starting from the mythical Happy

Valley, where time seems to have stopped so that life is punctuated by Nature!

For more information please visit the link [www.moroccoallraces.com](http://www.moroccoallraces.com) or contact [info@moroccotrailrace.com](mailto:info@moroccotrailrace.com).



## REGIONAL GEOPARK NETWORKS

### European Geoparks Network (EGN)

#### EGN Digital Forum

In 5th of June 2020 European Geoparks Network (EGN) organised the 1st EGN Digital Forum.

The main purpose of the meeting was to "meet", share information and keep and refresh the feeling of networking.

[Please click here to download a summary of the 1st EGN Digital forum.](#)

# National Fora/Committee Annual Reports 2019

## Netherlands National Forum [pdf]

The GGN Executive Board congratulates the Netherlands National Forum for their activities and strongly encourages all the colleagues from the National Fora/Committee to share their experiences and their good practices during 2019 by sending their Annual Reports 2019.

Please send your National Fora/Committee Annual Reports 2019 to the GGN Secretariat ([ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com](mailto:ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com)).

### **YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED**

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## **GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

### **WELCOME OF THE NEW MEMBERS**

Global Geoparks Network warmly welcomes the two new Individual members in the Global Geoparks Network:

- Mr. Hanang Samodra from Indonesia and
- Dr. Sarah Gatley from Ireland

The Global Geoparks Network has until now 33 Individual members who constantly support the Global Geoparks Network activities and work.

The GGN Executive Board warmly thanks all the Individual members for their support.

[Please click here for the Individual member list](#)

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## **GEOPARK COMMUNICATION TOOLS**

### **UPDATED GGN CONTACT LIST**

Communication is an essential part of the Geoparks life. Geoparks even they are spread all around globe, we find ways to communicate and maintain our Network identity alive, maintain our cohesion, develop knowledge and transfer it our new members. During this period of pandemic Geoparks continues to communicate and to participate in common digitally events.

In order to improve our communication we prepared the updated UNESCO Global Geoparks contact list.

Please check your Geopark e-mail address, the name of your Geopark representative and your colleague's data as well.

These data will be used for our official communication. So it is very important the list to have the correct e-mails and the correct names of your Geopark representatives.

If there was any change, please send an e-mail with your updated data to the GGN President Prof. Nickolas Zouros (ggnassociation@hotmail.com) and to the GGN Secretariat (ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com). Please note that you don't have to correct the list, just to send an e-mail about any changes of your Geopark official contact information.

If you agree with the attached contact information, please send a confirmation message to the GGN President Prof. Nickolas Zouros (ggnassociation@hotmail.com) and to the GGN Secretariat (ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com).

[Please click here in order to check your contact information](#)

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## **EGN MAGAZINE 18**

### **THEME: RESILIENCE IN ADVERSITY**

#### **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

The EGN Editorial Board invites you to submit an article for publication in Magazine 18, 2020.

It was agreed at the 35th Coordination Committee Meeting, UNESCO, Paris, 2015 that the EGN Magazine could contain up to 88 pages. Sixty four pages will be assigned to contributions from EGN members. Up to 24 pages will be assigned for advertisements from businesses within geoparks

Please e-mail your article, photographs and figure captions by **Midnight 31 October 2020** to the following addresses:

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**YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED**

#### **ARTICLE ON EGN GEOPARKS WEEK 2020**

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Geoparks have either reduced activities or cancelled EGN Week 2020.

EGN would be pleased to receive photos, together with figure captions, of activities delivered by Geoparks during this difficult time for inclusion in an article on Geoparks Week in EGN Magazine 18.

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