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International Association on Geoparks

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NEWS FEED

Dear colleagues and friends of the Global Geoparks Network,

On the 9th of August, UNESCO Global Geoparks celebrate 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 them and their land.

The Global Geoparks Network Executive Board in collaboration with UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geo-Hazards Risk Reduction Section decided to celebrate the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and a group was created for the coordination of the activities for the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The group consists of:

- Ibrahim Komoo, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Vice Coordinator.
- Patricio Melo, Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network Coordinator
- John Calder, Canadian Geoparks Network Coordinator

In this issue of the GGN Newsfeed you can read the message for the celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and we invite all UNESCO Global Geoparks, partners and stakeholders to join the campaign and celebrate the important role of their indigenous peoples for our culture and our communities.

On Friday 10th of September, 2021 a DIGITAL FOLLOW UP COURSE will be organised for discussing with the participants of the Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021 "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability" and the Aspiring Geoparks.

More digital activities will be announced soon ...

The GGN Executive Board

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

celebrate the
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

9th August 2021



The Global Geoparks Network
celebrates



the International Day
of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2021



Mixteca Alta, UNESCO Global Geopark, Mexico



Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada



M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark, Morocco



Kutukura UNESCO Global Geopark, Chile



Toba caldera UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Monday 9 August



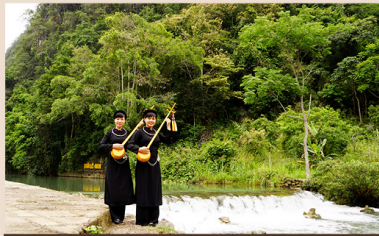
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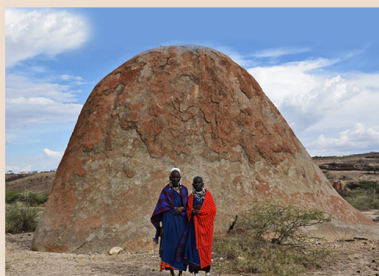
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Non nuoc Cao Bang UNESCO Global Geopark, Viet Nam



Dali-Cangshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China



Ngorongoro Lengai UNESCO Global Geopark, Tanzania



Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil

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Zhangye UNESCO Global Geopark, China



Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Iran (Islamic Republic of)



Colca y Volcanes de Andagua UNESCO Global Geopark, Peru



Ngorongoro Lengai UNESCO Global Geopark, Tanzania



Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark, Viet Nam



Mixteca Alta, Oaxaca UNESCO Global Geopark, Mexico

Monday 9 August

"UNESCO Global Geoparks celebrate the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, and use this occasion to bring awareness to Indigenous Peoples within the world's Geoparks. Global Geoparks can provide a respectful place for the Indigenous Peoples of the World that honours and respects their cultural contributions, their language, customs, and their deep understanding of the natural environment. The knowledge and culture of Indigenous Peoples enrich our Global Geoparks. On this International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Global Geoparks seek to lift up the voices of Indigenous Peoples and to celebrate their knowledge."

On 9th August the Global Geoparks Network is launching an initiative to identify the rich diversity of Indigenous Peoples represented in UNESCO Global Geoparks around the world, their spoken and written languages, and to develop meaningful opportunities for Indigenous-led exchange of ideas and issues.

Ibrahim Komoo, Patricio Melo & John Calder

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

DIGITAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability

7 – 20 June 2021



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Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021
UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability

**LESVOS ISLAND
GREECE
7-20 June 2021**

Registration:
<http://www.petrifiedforest.gr/geoparks2020/>

Information - Secretariat:
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The Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021 on "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability" was organised with great success from 7th to 20th June, 2021. It was the second course that was organised digitally due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Course was co-organised by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network with the collaboration of 40 Geopark experts all around the world.

It was hosted and delivered by the University of the Aegean, the UNESCO Chair on Geoparks and Sustainable Development of insular and coastal areas and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest (Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark – Greece).

It was attended by 250 participants and lecturers from 56 countries all around the globe, including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Eswatini, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, Vietnam and Zambia.

The Course on Geoparks 2021 focused on UNESCO Global Geoparks and their contribution to the Sustainable Development.

The course provided the opportunity to discover how UNESCO Global Geoparks can make a real impact in local communities and in the society as a whole during COVID-19 pandemic but also provided conceptual issues on UNESCO Global Geoparks.

During the Course the following main topics were discussed:

- UNESCO Global Geoparks & Global Geoparks Network (GGN)
- Regional Geoparks Networks
- UNESCO Global Geoparks, 'Memory of the Earth' territories
- UNESCO Global Geoparks, territories of culture and nature
- UNESCO Global Geoparks: Sustainability and Territorial Management
- UNESCO Global Geoparks: Sustainable tourism destinations
- Local and Indigenous communities in UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Natural hazard and climate change
- Geoparks and Education activities and innovations
- How to build a successful geopark (virtual exercise)
- Evaluation and Revalidation procedures
- UNESCO Global Geoparks – The 'World After' (VISION OF FUTURE)

During the Digital Course, the participants attended lectures by 40 internationally renowned scientists and experts from UNESCO and UNESCO Global Geoparks, who presented good practices on UNESCO Global Geoparks, the procedures of becoming and operating successful Geoparks, the evaluation and revalidation procedure as well as the guide lines of the UNESCO Global Geoparks.

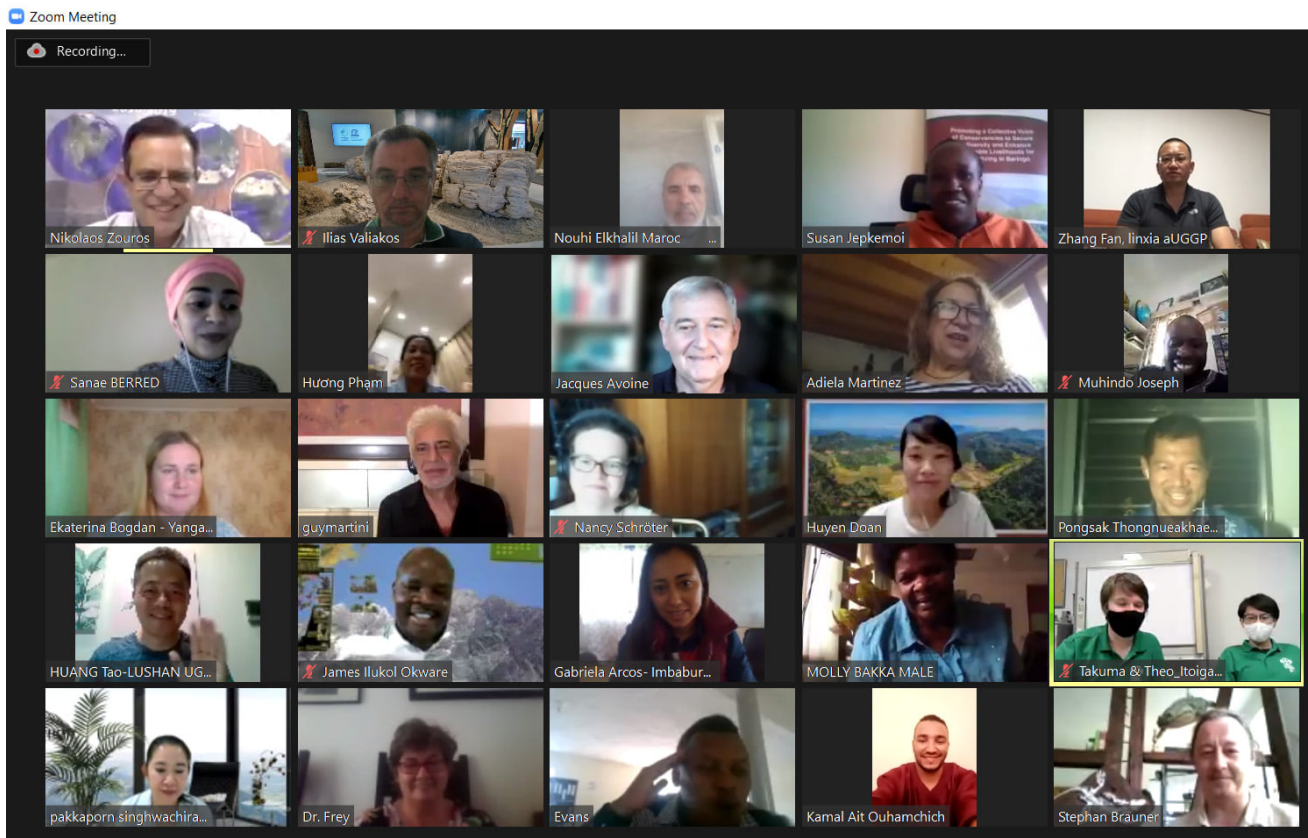
Participants had also the opportunity to discover good practices examples from Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark through the following VIRTUAL TOURS:

- "Open air activities in Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark" by Prof. Nikolaos Zouros
- "Kalloni wetlands and Kalloni Environmental Information Center" by Prof. Nikolaos Zouros & Dr. Eleni Galinou
- "Nissiopi Marine Petrified Forest Park. Holistic management of natural and cultural heritage and geotourism development" by Prof. Nikolaos Zouros & Dr. Ilias Valiakos
- "UNESCO Global Geoparks: Climate Change Adaptation case studies – The GREEN Geopark Museum" by Dr. Ilias Valiakos

- “Memory of The Earth” and intangible heritage. Lesvos traditional pottery making” by Prof. Nikolaos Zouros & Dr. Ilias Valiakos
- “The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest” by Prof. Nikolaos Zouros.

During the Course the participants had also the opportunity to present their projects connected with UNESCO Global Geoparks and their research work.

97.5% of the participants evaluated the Course as excellent and extremely excellent. Lectures and the teaching level were of the most important components of the course and 95.8% of the participants agreed that the Course met the reasons why they participated in it.



FOLLOW UP COURSE

of the DIGITAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability

Monday 10th September 2021 at 12:00-14:00 GMT

Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021
UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability
FOLLOW UP

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GREECE**

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT
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**UNESCO CHAIR ON GEOPARKS
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
OF INSULAR AND COASTAL AREAS
UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN, GREECE**

UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network are pleased to announce the FOLLOW UP COURSE on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021 on "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability". The FOLLOW UP COURSE will be held on September 10th 2021 at 12:00-14:00 GMT.

The Course is open to the participants of the Digital Course UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021. During the FOLLOW UP COURSE will be discussed issues related with the Digital Course UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021, will be clarified issues, exchanged ideas and experiences and discussed the participants' questions.

The FOLLOW UP COURSE of the Digital Course on "UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021 on "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability" will be co-organised by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network.

It will be hosted and delivered by the University of the Aegean, the UNESCO Chair on Geoparks and Sustainable Development of insular and coastal areas and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest (Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geoparks – Greece).

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks

Jeju Island, Republic of Korea

11-17 December 2021

Open Registration & Abstract submission



9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks



The 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks has been scheduled for 11-17 December, 2021.

According to the Organising Committee health, safety, and security of all members and the communities is of highest priority and they hope that everything will get back to normal as early as possible and the Geoparks family will meet all in good health on Jeju Island.

According to the last updated information by the Organising Committee of the Conference, the registration and abstract submissions will be open on the website of the conference on 15th of July 2021.

For more information on the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, please visit the conference website: <https://www.jejuggn2020.org/>

1st UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM

ANNOUNCEMENT - Extension of the deadline for nomination of one Youth Representative

Final deadline: 31st August 2021



UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network are pleased to announce the extension of the deadline for nomination of ONE Youth Representative by each of the 44 COUNTRIES that host at least one UNESCO Global Geopark.

The UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM is a new ongoing important initiative for the Geoparks. The main purpose of the UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM is to offer to young people an opportunity to get engaged more concretely in the preparation of the philosophy mandate and activities of the UNESCO Global Geoparks and foster their commitment to the realization of the future they want and being actors of change in their territories. They will also elaborate their proposal for actions contributing to the UNESCO Global Geoparks strategic framework for action 2021-2025.

The 1st UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM will be held in Jeju Island during the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in 15th of December 2021.

All 44 Youth Representative will get a financial support for their participation in the 1st UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM. The financial support will cover the travel and accommodation expenses for the one representative of each country.

All youth representatives will be also invited to participate in preparatory digital meetings of the UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM, with the participation of UNESCO, the GGN Executive Board.

All 44 countries that are hosting at least one UNESCO Global Geopark are invited to nominate one Youth Representative.

The deadline for the submission of the Youth Representatives of each country in the UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM has been extended until **August 31st, 2021**.

Please select the youth representative of your country, fill in the [application](#) [right click-->save link as] and send it together with a short CV (clearly mentioned the date of birth) of the Youth Representative to ggnassociation@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com until **August 31st, 2021**.

For further information on UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM please visit the following [link](#).

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](#)

1st Global Geopark Network Film Festival

ANNOUNCEMENT - Extension of the deadline for submission of videos

Final application deadline: 31st July 2021



We would like to announce the extension of the deadline for submission of videos for the 1st Global Geoparks Network Film Festival. The new deadline for applications has been extended until the 31st of July 2021.

The first edition of the GGN Film festival will be organized during the 9th Conference on UNESCO Global Geopark from 14 to 17 December 2021 in Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark.

For more information about the 1st Global Geoparks Network Film Festival and submission of your video please visit the website:

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

GEOPARK REPORTS

Annual Reports 2020

UNESCO Global Geoparks, GGN Regional Networks and National Fora/Committees all around the world worked very hard during 2020 and implemented various activities despite COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. All these activities will be communicated through the Annual Reports 2020.

The Global Geoparks Network invites all UNESCO Global Geoparks, GGN Regional Networks and National Fora/Committees to send their Annual Report 2020 until **July 31st, 2021**.

All Geoparks are invited to use the [Geopark Annual Report 2020 template \[doc\]](#) and send their your annual report to ggnassociation@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com until **July 31st, 2021**.

Annual Reports 2020 will be communicated through the GGN webpage [here](#).

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National Fora/Committees Annual Reports 2020

[French Geoparks Committee](#) [pdf]

[Hungarian Geopark Committee](#) [pdf]

[Japan Geopark Committee](#) [pdf]

[Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks](#) [pdf]

[Spanish Geopark Forum](#) [pdf]

The GGN Executive Board congratulates the French Geoparks Committee, the Hungarian Geopark Committee, the Japan Geoparks Committee, the Netherlands National Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks and the Spanish Geoparks Forum for their activities and strongly encourages all colleagues from the National Fora/Committees to share their experiences and their good practices during 2020 by sending their Annual Reports 2020.

National Fora/Committees are invited to use the [National Fora Committes Annual Report 2020 template \[doc\]](#) [right click --> save link as] and

send their annual report to ggnassociation@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com until **July 31st, 2021**.

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