



GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

International Association on Geoparks

CELEBRATING EARTH HERITAGE – SUSTAINING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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NEWS FEED

Dear colleagues,

In the **GGN News Feed No 71 - July 2022**, you can find the latest news on Geoparks' activities worldwide.

After more than two years of restrictions many UNESCO Global Geoparks have restarted, have opened their infrastructures and are organizing various activities for local people and visitors. The Global Geoparks Network in collaboration with UNESCO, has planned the celebration of the International Days, the organization of capacity building activities, seminars, and events.

Please keep the dates for the following activities and events:

- On the **9th of August 2022** we celebrate the **International Day of the world's Indigenous Peoples**
- On the **6th of October 2022** we celebrate the **International Geodiversity Day**. The **deadline** for sending articles for the new publication and promotional material is the **30th August 2022**
- The **7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) Symposium** in Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand will be held from 4th to 11th September 2022
- The **16th European Geoparks Network (EGN)** and the **46th European Geoparks Network Meeting** will be held from 26 to 30 September 2022 by Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark in Italy.
- The **Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2022** will be organized from 15th to 25th November, 2022. The course will deal with the topic "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism". **Applications will be open until September 30th, 2022.**

Various other digital activities will also be organized by the GGN Regional Networks giving the opportunity to their members to share good practices and exchange ideas.

Please keep sharing your news, thoughts, activities and good practices with all of us through the GGN Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/globalgeoparksnetwork>

Please send all your promotional material to the ggnwebsite@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com

INTERNATIONAL GEODIVERSITY DAY

6 October 2022

**Deadline for articles for the new publication and promotional material:
30 August 2022**

The GGN Executive Board during its 118th meeting discussed between other important issues the plan of activities for the celebration of the International Geodiversity Day which was established last year by UNESCO and will be celebrated for the first time on the 6th of October 2022.

The GGN Executive Board encourages all UNESCO Global Geoparks to participate actively and promote the International Geodiversity Day as a unique opportunity to raise profile and public awareness on the abiotic nature!

It is also an opportunity to spread information on the value of the Geoparks as special territories hosting Geological Heritage Sites of international significance and custodians of the Memory of the Earth!

The GGN Executive Board encourages all UNESCO Global Geoparks

1. To organize activities at the local level in order to promote their Geological Heritage Sites and explain the reasons why Geodiversity matters and that Geological Heritage is an integral part of the World Heritage!
2. To participate in the Global Geoparks Network campaign by sending to the GGN Secretariat information on the 5 most important Geological heritage Sites they host (impressive photo and short text) for the global campaign in social media and promotion of the Geodiversity in UNESCO Global Geoparks!
3. To participate in the new publication "Geodiversity in UNESCO Global Geoparks" sending articles to present their most significant Geological heritage sites and Geodiversity!

The GGN Executive Board will also produce videos on the International Geodiversity Day which will be distributed to promote Geodiversity in UNESCO Global Geoparks!

Let's make International Geodiversity Day a great moment for all Geoparks and our communities

The publication "Geodiversity in UNESCO Global Geoparks" will be distributed in October 2022. For more information please read the [GGN call](#)

Deadline: 30 August 2022

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

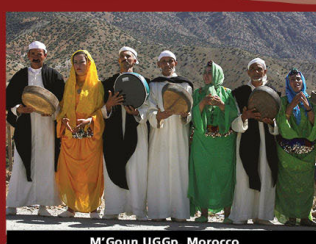
9 August 2022

[Watch the video here](#)

the International day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2022



Mixteca Alta UGGp, Mexico



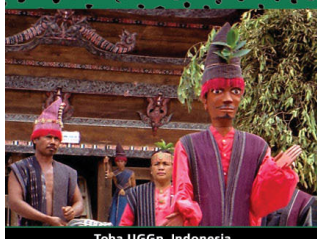
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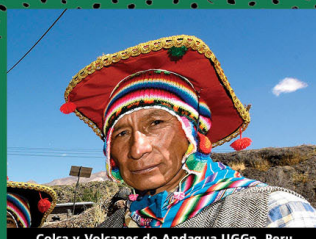
Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp, Viet Nam



Kutrakura UGGp, Chile



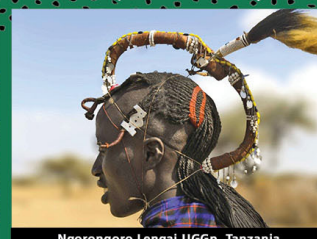
Toba UGGp, Indonesia



Colca y Volcanes de Andagua UGGp, Peru



Shilin UGGp, China



Ngorongoro Lengai UGGp, Tanzania

Sunday 9 August

The Global Geoparks Network celebrates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and uses this occasion to bring awareness to Indigenous Peoples.

UNESCO Global Geoparks can provide a respectful place for the Indigenous Peoples of the World that honors 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.

The Global Geoparks Network Executive Board asks all Geopark management bodies, partners and stakeholders to join the campaign and to promote through social media the important role of their indigenous peoples, their culture and their communities.

GEOPARKS & OCEANS

How Geoparks contribute to the decade of the Ocean

New publication

Geoparks & Oceans



The Global Geoparks Network celebrated the World Oceans Day 2022 and in collaboration with UNESCO Secretariat organized a social media campaign for raising awareness on the challenges the oceans are facing and inspire actions to protect them.

The marine environment is one of the important parts of some UNESCO Global Geoparks. More than 30% of UNESCO Global Geoparks have a maritime component and many of them despite being located in continental areas, are

the guardians of the evolution of former oceans. Activities in Geoparks contribute significantly to SDG 14 (Life below water) and to other SDGs such as SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 13 (Climate Action). The marine environment is fully included in the UNESCO Global Geoparks guidelines for the sustainable use of Earth's natural resources.

The Global Geoparks Network, in collaboration with UNESCO, presents some examples of activities and good practices on how Geoparks contribute to the decade of the Ocean through the new publication "Geoparks & Oceans" (<https://globalgeoparksnetwork.org/?p=6821>) and video (<https://globalgeoparksnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/WorldOceansDay4.mp4>) and invite all its member to work for clean oceans and sustainable use of their resources.

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

DIGITAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism

**Rescheduled to
15-25 November 2022**

The banner is a colorful collage with various logos and a central photograph. At the top left is the UNESCO Global Geoparks logo. Next to it is the Global Geoparks Network logo. To the right is the University of the Aegean Department of Geography logo. Further right is the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Retired Forest logo. The main title "3rd Digital International Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks" is in orange, and "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism" is in blue. Below this, a photograph shows a group of people, some with backpacks, walking through a rocky, hilly landscape. To the right of the photo, the text "LESVOS ISLAND GREECE" and "15-25 November 2022" is displayed. At the bottom left is the Lesvos Geopark logo. At the bottom right are logos for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the UNESCO Chair on Geoparks and sustainable development of islands and coastal areas, and the University of the Aegean, Greece.

The Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2022 has been rescheduled and will be organized from 15th to 25th of November, 2022.

The Digital Course is co-organised by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network and deals with the topic "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism".

In the previous years the Course was hosted by Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece. In the time of the COVID-19 outbreak and as we are unable to travel, the course will be organised digitally for third year.

Geotourism is a unique alternative form of tourism and motivated by the experience, knowledge and enjoyment of geodiversity and geo-heritage in UNESCO Global Geoparks all around the globe.

The course provides an opportunity to discover how UNESCO Global Geoparks contribute to Geotourism, how they can make a real impact in local communities and on society as a whole but also provides conceptual issues on UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Geoparks staff members, PhD candidates, Master students and graduates can gain knowledge and experience on Geoparks.

If you are interested in participating please submit an application form accompanied by a short CV and an abstract (one page) of your country's geoparks project or your research project. During the course you will be invited to present your geopark's project or your research project.

Application deadline: September 30th, 2022

For registration and more information please visit
www.petrifiedforest.gr/geoparks2022

GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

UNESCO Global Geoparks promotion through Global Geoparks Network website and social media

The Global Geoparks Network is inviting all UNESCO Global Geoparks to provide information regarding their activities and events to be promoted through GGN webpage and social media pages!

www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org

www.facebook.com/globalgeoparksnetwork

Geopark Activities and Events

Please send posters, photos and all relevant info with a short text not more than 150-200 words.

Geopark Museums and Visitor Centers

Please send a short description, 4-5 photos regarding the Museum building and its exhibitions with a short text not more than 250-300 words.

GGN REGIONAL NETWORKS

Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN)

7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium

Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand

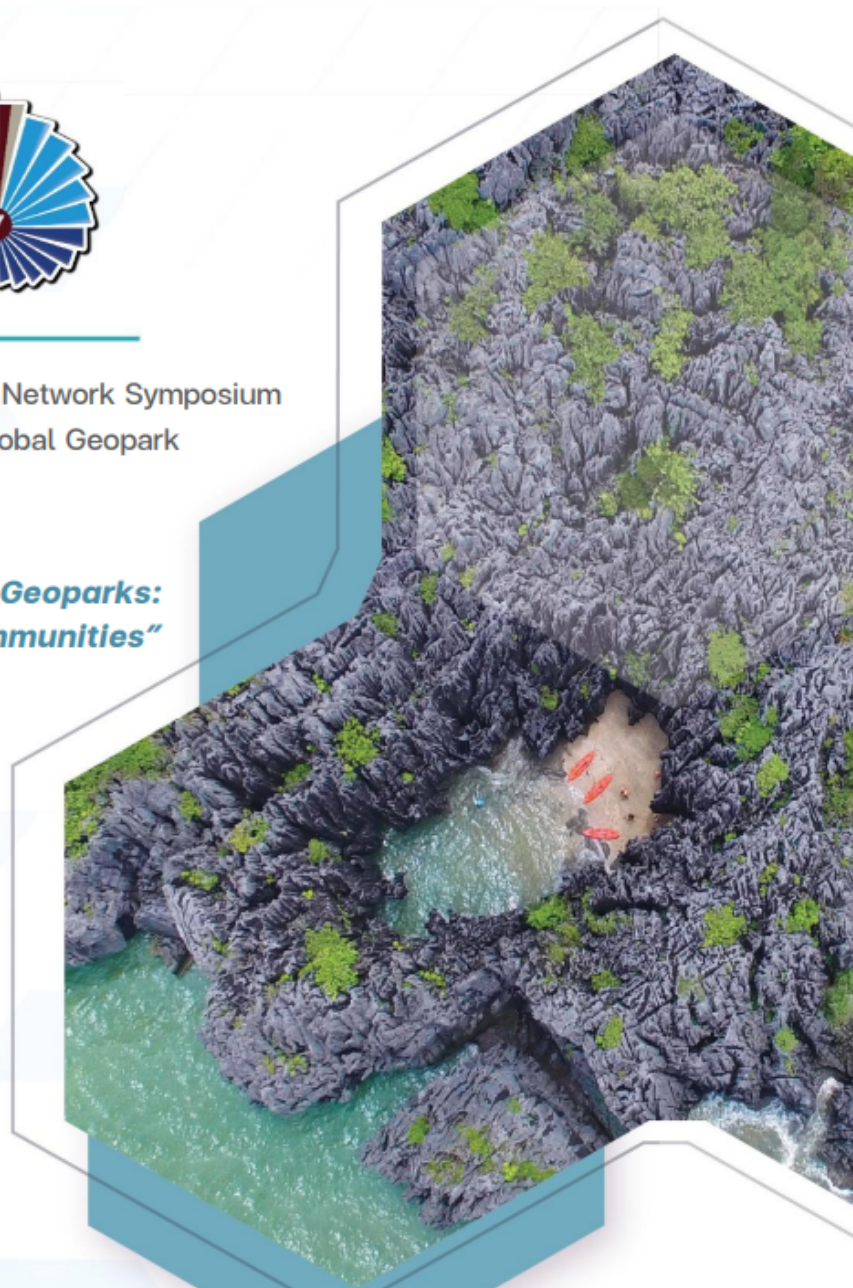
4-11 September 2022



The 7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium
Satun UNESCO Global Geopark

***"UNESCO Global Geoparks:
Building Sustainable Communities"***

4-11 September 2022
Satun UNESCO Global Geopark,
Satun Province,
Thailand



The 7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium will be held from September 4 to 11, 2022 in Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand. The 7th APGN Symposium is dealing with the theme "UNESCO Global Geoparks Building Sustainable Communities". The Symposium will be organized face to face and in parallel will be organized the meeting of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council, the APGN Advisory Committee, the APGN Committee.

Please download the Second Circular of the 7th APGN Symposium [here](#).

For more information, the programme of the Symposium and the registration please visit the Symposium's website:

www.satunapgn2022.org

European Geoparks Network (EGN)

16th European Geoparks Network Conference

& 46th European Geoparks Network Meeting

Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

26-30 September 2022



The 16th Conference of the European Geoparks Network and the 46th European Geoparks Network Meeting will be held from 26th to 30th September 2022 by Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy. The Symposium will deal with the theme of "Nature, culture and sustainability in the climate and environmental change", to share and exchange information, experience and knowledge among UNESCO Global Geoparks.

The Geopark's motto "Where stone becomes culture" is the recognition of the importance of the local stones in the cultural landscape and architectural achievements, such as the Milan Cathedral.

The Symposium will take place in Verbania, the capital of the Province of Verbano Cusio Ossola and will comprise of the EGN Advisory Committee meeting, the EGN Coordination Committee meeting and the EGN Working Groups and Geo-fair exhibitions.

For more information and registration please visit the Conference website:
www.egn2022conference.eu

EGN MAGAZINE 20

THEME: ADAPTING TO THE "NEW NORMAL"

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The EGN Editorial Board invites you to submit an article for publication in the Magazine 20, 2022.

Please e-mail your article, photographs and figure captions by **31 October 2022** to the following addresses:

Tony Ramsay: tonhel@btinternet.com

Nikolas Zouros: nzour@aegean.gr

For more information please read the [call](#)

Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network (GEOLAC)

Workshop for the strengthening of Geoparks' projects in the Latin American South Cone

The "Workshop for the strengthening of Geoparks Projects: Tools for sustainable development in the Southern Cone, Latin America" was successfully held June 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2022. It was organized by the UNESCO Montevideo Office, the Congress of Mayors and the Municipalities of Cerro Largo and Rivera, with the support of the National Geoparks Committee of Uruguay, the UNESCO Global Geopark Grutas del Palacio and the Geoparks Network for Latin America and the Caribbean (GeoLAC).

During the workshop participate representatives of 11 Geopark projects who exchange experiences, discussed with the community and visit important geosites.

Please read the report of the workshop [here](#).

GEOPARKS' ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

20th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology (ISV20)

Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark, Vietnam

22-26 November 2022

The 20th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology (ISV20) will be held from November 22 to 26, 2022 in Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark, Vietnam. The theme of the Symposium "Conservation and sustainable use of volcanoes and volcanic caves" and it is organized under the auspices of the Global Geoparks Network and the UIS Commission on Volcanic Caves.

For more information please visit the website of the Symposium:
<https://20isvdaknong.com/>

CALL FOR HOSTS OF THE 11th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS – 2025

[Please find the call here](#)

GGN Calendar of Events 2022

(updated July 2022)

9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
4-11 September	7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Symposium
13-17 September	Youth Forum seminar & camp, Batur UNESCO Global Geopark, Bali Indonesia
26-30 September	16th European Geoparks Conference, Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy
27 September	International Tourism Day
October	Evaluator's Seminar
6 October	International Geodiversity Day
13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
25-28 October	First 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites, Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain
15-25 November	Digital Course “UNESCO Global Geoparks: Geoparks and Geotourism”
November	Workshop for African projects on UNESCO Global Geoparks
22-26 November	20th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology (ISV20) Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark (Vietnam)
11 December	International Mountain Day



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