



**INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY
20th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK**



**WELCOME DIGITAL EVENT
FOR THE NEW UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS**

Monday 22 April 2024, at 11:00 GMT

INVITATION

On the occasion of the

**INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY &
THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK**

you are cordially invited to participate in the

**Welcome Digital Event
for the welcome of the 18 new UNESCO Global Geoparks**
co-organized by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network

Please watch the event via YouTube:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86381593638?pwd=NORSaFQ3Sm9EVXBwbEJNV1VqVWIZQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 8159 3638 - Passcode: 9fBOX4

PROGRAMME OF THE EVENT

10:30-11:00 GMT Connection of the participants

11:00-11:03 GMT **Welcome and opening of the Welcome Digital Event**

11:03-11:10 GMT **Welcome opening speech**

- *Lydia Brito, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences of UNESCO*
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11:10-11:16 GMT **Presentation of UNESCO Global Geoparks & the Global Geoparks Network (GGN)**

- *Kristof Vandenberghe, Chief of UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section, UNESCO Global Geoparks Secretariat*
 - *Nickolas Zouros, Global Geoparks Network President*
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11:16-11:20 GMT **GGN 20th Anniversary celebration**

- *Guy Martini, UNESCO Geoparks Council Chair, Global Geoparks Network General Secretary*
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11:20-11:25 GMT Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark

- **Enshi Grand Canyon-Tenglongdong Cave, China**
Rachel Lei, Representative of Enshi Grand Canyon-Tenglongdong Cave UNESCO Global Geopark
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11:25-11:30 GMT Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark

- **Linxia, China**
Fan Zhang, Representative of Linxia UNESCO Global Geopark
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11:30-11:35 GMT Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark

- **Mount Changbaishan, China**
Fei Gao, Director of Mount Changbaishan UNESCO Global Geopark
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11:35-11:40 GMT **Welcome greeting by the Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN)**

Xiaochi Jin - China, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Coordinator

11:40-11:45 GMT Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark

- **Wugongshan, China**
Fen Peng, Office deputy of Wugongshan UNESCO Global Geopark
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11:45-11:50 GMT Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark

- **Xingyi, China**
Representative of the Geopark
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11:50-11:55 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Longyan, China <i>Fu Wenyan, Director of Longyan UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
11:55-12:00 GMT	Welcome greeting by the European Geoparks Network (EGN) <i>Sophie Justice – France, European Geoparks Network Coordinator</i>
12:00 -12:05 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bükk Region, Hungary <i>Representative of the Geopark</i>
12:05-12:10 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Armorique, France <i>Representative of the Geopark</i>
12:10-12:15 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi, Finland <i>Sam Leijonanmieli, Mayor of Vimpeli & President of the Impact Crater Lake Geopark Association</i> <i>Maria Ahvenniemi, Representative of Impact Crater Lake UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
12:15-12:20 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land of Extinct Volcanoes, Poland <i>Monika Cychowska Nowak, Director of Land of Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
12:20-12:25 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meteora Pyli, Greece <i>Dimitrios Kouretas, Governor of Thessaly</i> <i>Representative of the Geopark</i>
12:25-12:30 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biokovo-Imotski Lakes, Croatia <i>Ivana Capin, Executive Director of Biokovo – Imotski Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
12:30-12:35 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normandie-Maine, France <i>Laurent Marting, President of Normandie – Maine UNESCO Global Geopark</i>

12:35-12:40 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oeste, Portugal <i>Miguel Silva, Executive Director of Oeste UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
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12:40-12:45 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schelde Delta, Belgium & Kingdom of the Netherlands <i>Walter Jonkers, Physical Geographer of the province of Zeeland, The Netherlands</i> <i>Gitte de Vries, International affairs officer of the province of Antwerp, Belgium</i>
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12:45-12:50 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South Fyn Archipelago, Denmark <i>Rasmus Elmquist Casper, Executive Manager of The South Fyn Archipelago UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
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12:50-12:55 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calatrava Volcanoes. Ciudad Real, Spain <i>Gonzalez Martinez, President of Calatrava Volcanoes. Ciudad Real UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
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12:55-13:00 GMT	Music Event Music event will be presented by the new UNESCO Global Geopark Calatrava Volcanoes. Ciudad Real, Spain
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13:00 -13:05 GMT	Welcome greeting by the Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network (GeoLAC) <i>Emmaline Rosado – Mexico, Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network Coordinator</i>
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13:05 -13:10 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uberaba, Brazil <i>Thiago Marinho, Director of Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark</i>
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13:10-13:20 GMT	Discussion Q&A
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13:20-13:30 GMT	Closing speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nickolas Zouros, Global Geoparks Network President</i> • <i>Kristof Vandenberghe, Chief of UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section, UNESCO Global Geoparks Secretariat</i>
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13:30 GMT	End of the Welcome Digital Event for the new UNESCO Global Geoparks
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New UNESCO Global Geoparks 2024

Enshi Grand Canyon Tenglongdong Cave, China

Linxia, China

Mount Changbaishan, China

Wugongshan, China

Xingyi, China

Longyan, China

Bükk Region, Hungary

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