



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUghhLY2we8YMUH0a6JGBbQ>

Please join the event from your computer, tablet or smartphone

<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
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- 11:00-11:03 GMT **Welcome and opening of the Welcome Digital Event**
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- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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*
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- 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"> <li>• <b>Longyan, China</b> <i>Fu Wenyan, Director of Longyan UNESCO Global Geopark</i></li> </ul>
11:55-12:00 GMT	<b>Welcome greeting by the European Geoparks Network (EGN)</b> <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"> <li>• <b>Bükk Region, Hungary</b> <i>Balázs Megyeri, Bükk Region UNESCO Global Geopark Coordinator</i></li> </ul>
12:05-12:10 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Armorique, France</b> <i>Representative of the Geopark</i></li> </ul>
12:10-12:15 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi, Finland</b> <i>Sam Leijonanmieli, Mayor of Vimpeli &amp; President of the Impact Crater Lake Geopark Association</i> <i>Maria Ahvenniemi, Representative of Impact Crater Lake UNESCO Global Geopark</i></li> </ul>
12:15-12:20 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land of Extinct Volcanoes, Poland</b> <i>Monika Cychowska Nowak, Director of Land of Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark</i></li> </ul>
12:20-12:25 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meteora Pyli, Greece</b> <i>Dimitrios Kouretas, Governor of Thessaly</i> <i>Representative of the Geopark</i></li> </ul>
12:25-12:30 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biokovo-Imotski Lakes, Croatia</b> <i>Ivana Capin, Executive Director of Biokovo – Imotski Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark</i></li> </ul>
12:30-12:35 GMT	Presentation of the new UNESCO Global Geopark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Normandie-Maine, France</b> <i>Laurent Marting, President of Normandie – Maine UNESCO Global Geopark</i></li> </ul>

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

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# New UNESCO Global Geoparks 2024

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