

European UNESCO Global Geoparks

Workshop on the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals



EGN Meeting, 6th March 2024, 14:00-15:45 h

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EGN Sustainable Development Goals Working Group

Workshop Agenda

1. Introduction (big audience, 30 min)

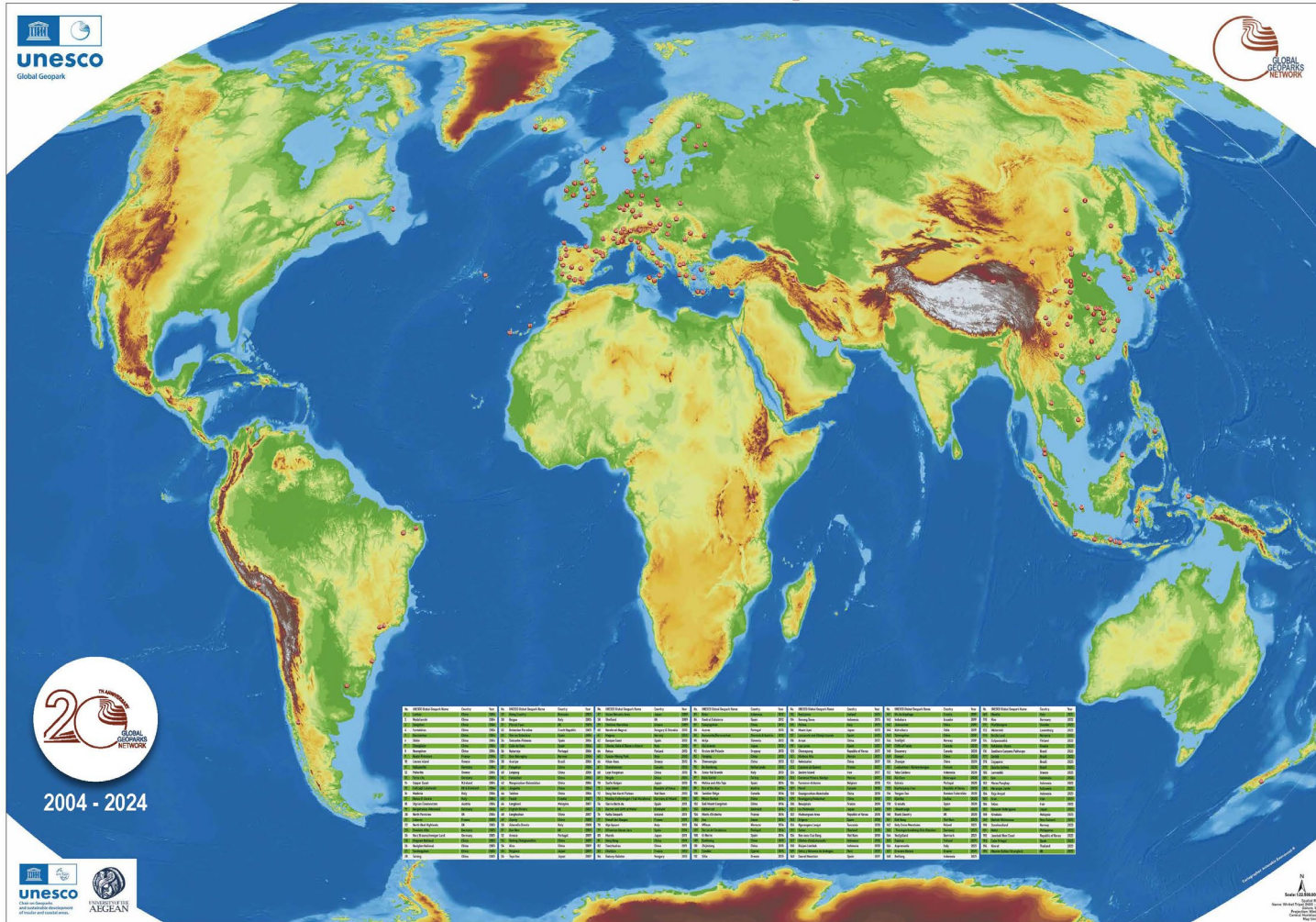
- Short overview on SDGs
- Principles and intention of the Workshop
- The SDG template

2. Small groups (4 groups in 4 rooms, 45 min)

3. Outcome and outlook (big audience, 30 min)



UNESCO Global Geoparks 2024



Global Geoparks Network:

195 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 48 countries worldwide

European Geoparks Network:

Regional Network with 98 European UNESCO Global Geoparks in 29 countries

Our tasks as UNESCO Global Geoparks



- **Participation in and contributions to the GGN & IGGP**
- **Cooperation with other UNESCO Programmes inside the Geopark territories and abroad**
- **Contributions to common programmes of the United Nations and UNESCO goals**
- **Document and report our success**



2015: The United Nations declare the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development



**Defined by 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
Our gateway to the future**

What is the Agenda 2030 about?

The overall guideline to face the interconnected challenges of the Global Change:

- Biodiversity loss
- Climate change and all effects
- Inequality on all levels
- Waste of our resources
- Ignorance of our the Planetary boundaries



The answer is: Social – Economical – Ecological Sustainability

Sustainability: The « five P »



<https://sdgs.punjab.gov.pk/the-five-ps>

Planet - protect our natural resources – environment, climate



People - end poverty and hunger, ensure dignity and equality



Prosperity - ensure prosperity in harmony with nature



Peace - foster peace through equal societies



Partnership - build partnerships to implement the goals



We support the SDGs directly on site with

- our broad variety of tasks, activities and projects
- our holistic and interdisciplinary approach
- our intense networking and connection to the people
- our educational activities
- our overall understanding of Planet Earth

**...which makes the UNESCO Global Geoparks ideal
MODEL TERRITORIES for the Agenda 2030**



As Agenda 2030 Model Territories the UNESCO Global Geoparks

- ✓ act as interface between the international declaration and on the spot implementation
- ✓ support the SDGs with our ongoing activities and projects
- ✓ create awareness in an understandable manner for everyone
- ✓ connect international - national - regional - local - individual level
- ✓ combine the knowledge of the past with the presence and can contribute to a sustainable future

We can make a difference!

And we NEED to document our contributions and success to UNESCO to be visible with our potentials!



https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/sustainable-development-goals_en

How to document our SDG contributions: The SDG Template for UNESCO Global Geoparks

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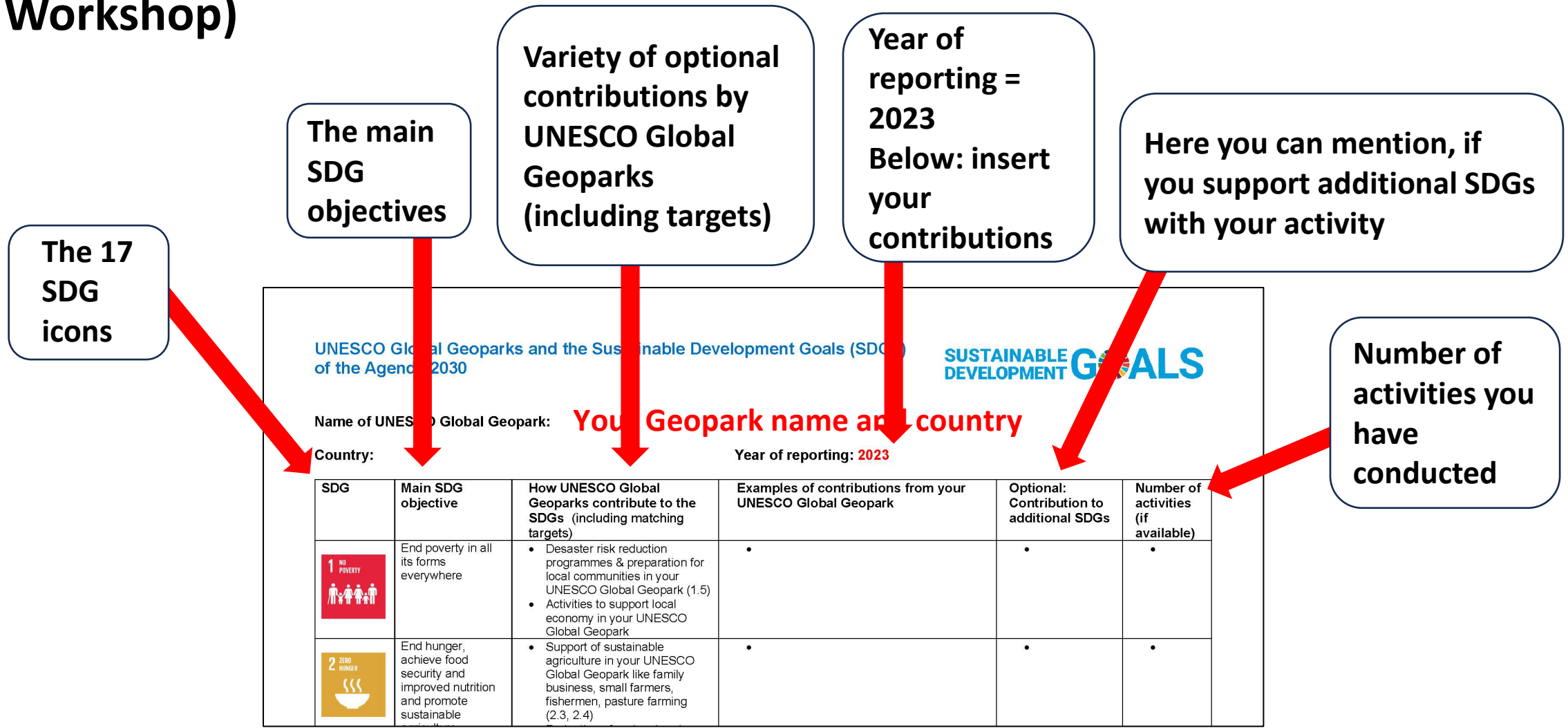
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Country:

Year of reporting: **2023**

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	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster risk reduction programmes & preparation for local communities in your UNESCO Global Geopark (1.5) • Activities to support local economy in your UNESCO Global Geopark 	•	•	•
	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of sustainable agriculture in your UNESCO Global Geopark like family business, small farmers, fishermen, pasture farming (2.3, 2.4) • Protection of regional and historic plants and animals (2.5) • Regional food programmes 	•	•	•
	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of your UNESCO Global Geopark activities for health and well-being in nature: • Sports activities (hiking, cycling...) (3.8) • Awareness and mental health (e.g. shinrin yoku) (3.) • Nature health actions 	•	•	•

The updated online SDG template (based on feedback after GGN Workshop)



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Name of UNESCO Global Geopark: **You Geopark name and country**

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What do we want to achieve together?

Getting familiar with the SDGs and how to use the template

- **The 17 SDGs and what they stand for**
- **Experience, how we support the SDGs with our activities**
- **Exchange our experiences with own activity examples**
- **Connect our own activities with SDGs by using examples**
- **Complete the SDG template after the workshop**

2. Subdivision of Geoparks into 4 small groups in 4 rooms with respective catalysts (SDG WG)

- **Group 1 Geoparks A – D** **Jean-Simon Pages (Room ARTEMIS)**
- **Group 2 Geoparks E – L** **Myriam Prieto (Room SARDIS)**
- **Group 3 Geoparks M – R** **Floriane Helo-Frugier & Grainne O’Connor (Room KULA)**
- **Group 4 Geoparks S - Z** **John Galloway (Room SANDAL)**
- **Individual participants choose group No. per last name**

What will happen in the small groups?

- Overview Poster : The 17 SDGs connected with the contributions of the UNESCO Global Geoparks
- 17 SDG posters in A3 format, one for each SDG (identical with the SDG template information), positioned in a row



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1 NO POVERTY	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster risk reduction programmes & preparation for local communities in your UNESCO Global Geopark (3, 4) Activities to support local economy in your UNESCO Global Geopark 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	Reduce inequality within and among countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special UNESCO Global Geopark programmes for integration of refugees (3, 4) Employment of foreign skilled workers
2 ZERO HUNGER	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of sustainable agriculture in your UNESCO Global Geopark like family business, small farmers, fishermen, and producers (2, 4, 6) Protection of regional and historic plants and animals (3, 4) Regional food programmes 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility for all in your UNESCO Global Geopark facilities (e.g. trails, information centres, museums, ...) (3, 4) Cooperation with UNESCO World Heritage Sites and other UNESCO programmes inside the UNESCO Global Geopark (3, 4)
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of your UNESCO Global Geopark as centres for health and well-being in nature Sports activities (biking, cycling, ...) (3, 4) Awareness and mental health (e.g. stress/yoga) (3) Nature health activities 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of local producers and local products Programmes and activities with local farmers in your UNESCO Global Geopark (3, 4, 12) Implementation of local markets with regional and seasonal products to create awareness to live in harmony with nature (3, 4) Use of local and regional food for own Geopark activities, festivals and events Use of Geopark product criteria and label Support of waste prevention (3, 4)
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use UNESCO Global Geopark educational programmes from kindergarten up to post-graduate level, as well as digital education and programmes of lifelong learning (4, 5, 6, 7) Education on Earth heritage and its links to natural and cultural heritage Education tools, trails and publications Education of the SDGs (4, 5) Education of staff, guides & stakeholders Inclusive education for all (4, 5) 	13 CLIMATE ACTION	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of your UNESCO Global Geopark for climate protection Free parking, bog water logging, use of soil (soil protection) Climate protection awareness using campaigns (3, 4) Campaigns to save CO2 (e.g. walking (no public transport)) Programmes for resilience against natural disasters and climate-induced changes (3, 4) Compensation of CO2 consumption (e.g. plane travelling in preference to car, UNESCO Global Geopark walking or compensation programmes (e.g. #tree4me))
5 GENDER EQUALITY	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender equality in your UNESCO Global Geopark management team Equal payment of male and female team members Female leading position in the team (3, 4) Training courses for women empowerment Support of women cooperatives in the region Special offers for girls (e.g. Mountain Biking, MINT programmes) 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of your UNESCO Global Geopark to protect life under water Cooperation with institutions, which protect marine environment (4, 6) Support of sustainable traditional and nature fishing (3, 4) Protection of marine biodiversity spots in UNESCO Active waste prevention and cleaning actions (4, 5)
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	Ensure access to water and sanitation for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation of your UNESCO Global Geopark with water companies Support of cleaning water activities (3 systems) (3, 4) Support of water-related ecosystems (e.g. in mountains, forests, rivers, lakes, groundwater) (3, 4) 	15 LIFE ON LAND	Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of your UNESCO Global Geopark to protect and restore ecosystems Protection of soil, prevent erosion, support biodiversity, promote genetic resources awareness (15, 16, 19, 20) Cooperation with forestry (e.g. planting activities with climate-resistant trees) (3, 4) Activities to protect biodiversity (e.g. nesting boxes, flowering areas, insect friendly environment) (3, 4) Protection of primary and secondary habitats (often abandoned quarters) Protection and conservation of geology hotspots and their geological & biological values Public gardening activities for local communities
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of sustainable energy in your UNESCO Global Geopark organisation Support of sustainable energy projects in your UNESCO Global Geopark communities Cooperation with innovative energy companies if available (e.g. olive tree saws) 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building activities with your UNESCO Global Geopark communities and municipalities (3, 4) Services and offers to strengthen the regional identity Regional networking and communication Promotion of the SDGs in the regional context Common projects for members and partners Cooperation across local and regional borders Cooperation between political decision makers Community participation following the "bottom up" approach Local and regional Geopark management with broad participation of local communities (3, 4) Cooperation with volunteers and stakeholders
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation with small local businesses in your UNESCO Global Geopark (3, 4) Cooperation with tourism organisations & destinations (3, 4) Provision of tourist infrastructure Geopark like trails, information panels, which can be used to develop offers, Cooperation with partners, which follow sustainable side-related employment and environment Cooperation with local action groups for regional sustainable development 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the SDGs in your UNESCO Global Geopark (e.g. website, social media, magazines, brochures, ...) Your contributions to international networking of the UNESCO Global Geoparks (3, 4) Your participation in common projects and activities of the UNESCO Global Geoparks and respective regional networks (e.g. workshops, courses, media publications, UN days) Active cooperation between UNESCO Global Geoparks inside countries and across the continents by common projects (3, 4) Your contributions to quality building and consultancy for potential UNESCO Global Geoparks candidates (3, 4) International networking between different UNESCO programmes by common projects (3, 4) Protection of the SDGs in the international context and publication of best practice (e.g. #tree4me)
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and foster innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation with public transport in your UNESCO Global Geopark (3, 4) Consideration of public transport options to reach trails and activities Implementation and restoration of trail and information facility infrastructure Infrastructure and offers for people with special needs Cooperation with research and science (3, 4) Own research activities 			

- Exchange our experiences based on your own activity examples (the three A4 photos from your Geopark)
- Connect our own activities with SDGs and mark your photos with small SDG stickers (or priority SDG and optional also additional SDGs)



- **Position your SDG marked photos under the respective SDG Poster Row (identical with the SDG template information).**



- **Count together the positioned photos for each SDG (collection by Elizabeth)**
- **Exchange your experiences with the SDG exercise**

See you in 45 minutes back to the audience !

3. Outcome and outlook

Outcome: What we could achieve together

Small group results and basic quantification

(Catalysts of small groups and Elizabeth Silva)

Outcome

- **Becoming more familiar with the SDGs and how to connect them to Geopark activities**
- **UNESCO Global Geoparks can contribute with a broad variety of activities to the SDGs**
- **One activity can contribute to more than 1 SDG (mentioned in the template)**
- **We UNESCO Global Geoparks are ideal model territories for the SDGs and document our contributions and success regularly**

Please insert your 2023 activities into the **updated online SDG template** until the 30th March 2024 and...

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13	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ecosystems (e.g. in mountains, forests, rivers, lakes, glaciers, etc.) Use of sustainable energy in your UNESCO Global Geopark organisation 			
15	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, conserve and enhance freshwater ecosystems and marine biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special UNESCO Global Geopark programmes for integration of villages 			
17	Strengthen partnerships for sustainable development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transport, ... Programmes for resilience against natural disasters and climate-related disasters 			
10	Reduce inequality within and among countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building activities with your UNESCO Global Geopark committees and municipalities 			
11	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active cooperation between UNESCO Global Geoparks inside countries and across the continents by common projects 			

- Don't forget your Geopark name and country
- If you don't have Google access, send the word.doc to secretariat@globalgeoparksnetwork.org
- Don't hesitate to ask, if you have questions
- 19th April 2024, 13:00 – 15:00 GMT: SDG Online Tutorial for further questions

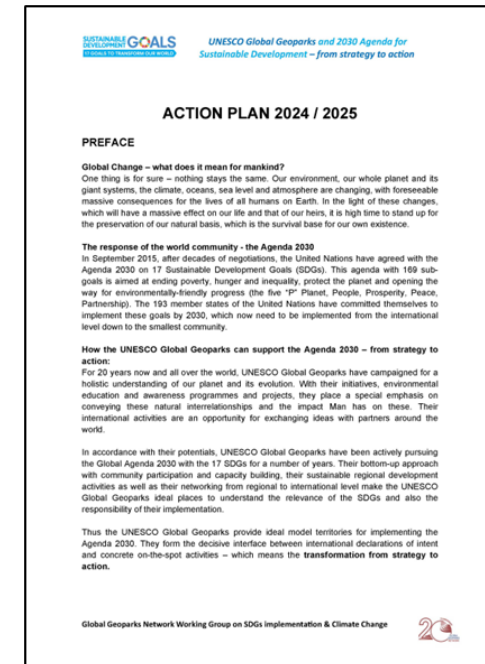
➤ We contribute with each template to the SDGs documentation of all UNESCO Global Geoparks for UNESCO

Outlook



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EGN WORKING GROUP

- **SDG Action Plan 2024/2025 of the GGN SDG Working Group:
Constantly updated, circulated soon**
- **Throughout 2024: SDG Workshops in the other Regional Networks**
- **October 2024: EGN Conference with SDG Session**
- **November 2024: GGN SDG-Workshop on results, documentation
and publication of the collected SDG information**

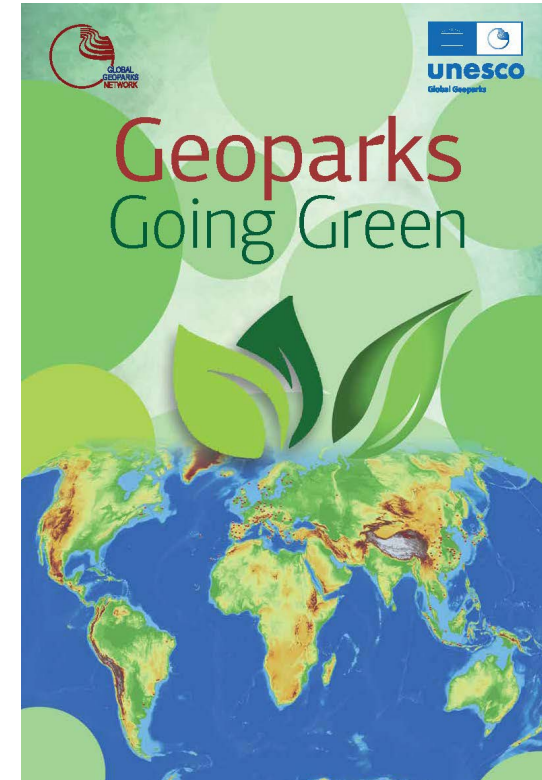




Publication of 2nd issue of “Geoparks going green”:

“Sustainable Development Goals & UNESCO Global Geoparks: From Theory to Action“

Submit your contributions!





➤ Our SDG contributions are important pillars to document

The **evidence and power** of UNESCO Global Geoparks in supporting the Agenda 2030

The **impact** of UNESCO Global Geoparks in the context of all UNESCO Programmes



Thank you for your active participation !

