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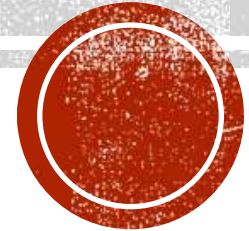


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AFRICAN UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK NETWORK



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Introduction

Currently there are 161 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 44 countries. Today there are just two UNESCO Geoparks in Africa,

That's mean that the concept of the Geopark is not yet developed in Africa and the Arab States.

In this context, the M'Goun Geopark in Morocco is committed in collaboration with the GGN to promote the Geopark concept and support interested governments and department in Africa with several actions:



Creation of the Regional Network : African UNESCO Global Geopark Network (AUGGN) in Morocco November 2019



Objective of the AUGGN

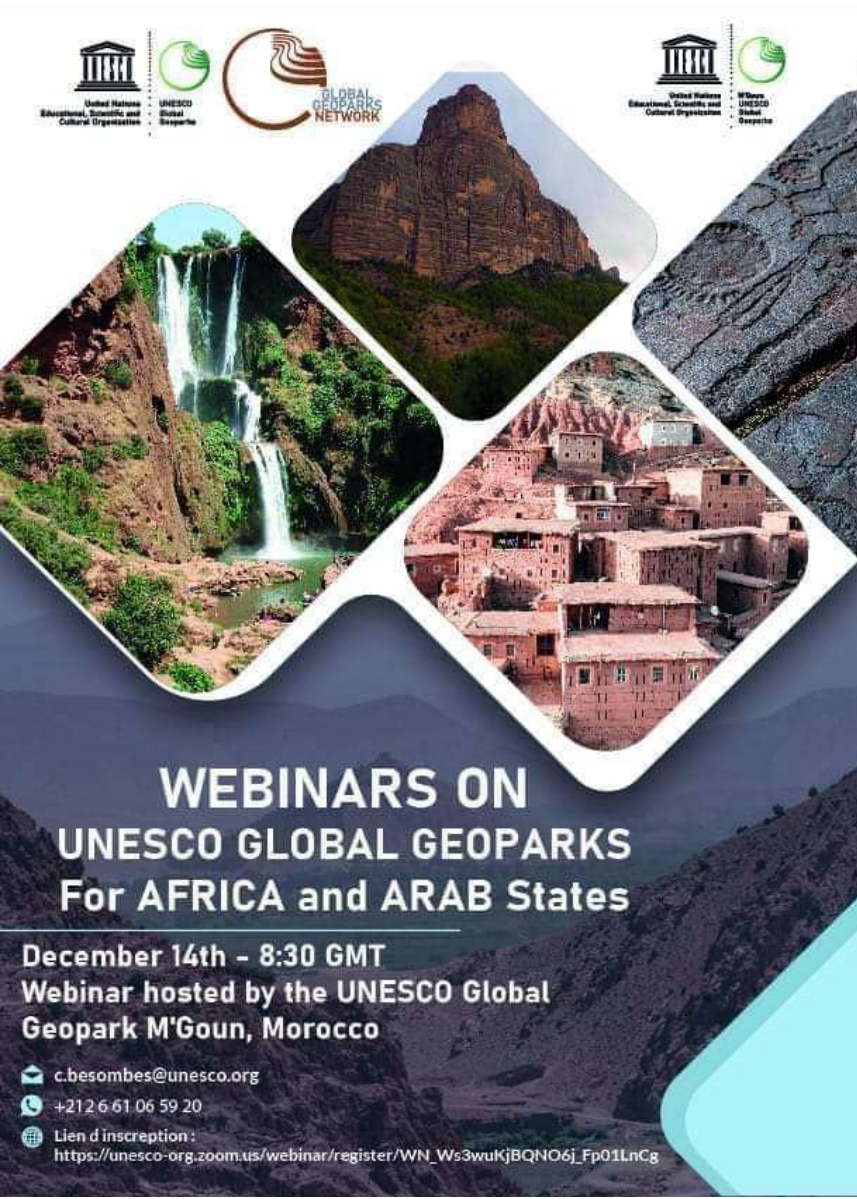
Provide a platform for collaboration to facilitate the implementation of new Geoparks and improve geo-heritage governance

AUGGN role

- Supporting Geoparks Projects in Africa
- Promote the Global Geopark concept in Africa
- Facilitate the experiences sharing of the M'goun Geopark in Morocco and the Ngongoro Geopark in Tanzania



A webinar organization about “The development of UNESCO Global Geoparks for Africa and Arab States”



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▪ Participants :

- UNESCO Global Geopark Leaders (organizer)
- M'goun Geopark (organizer)
- Governmental and diplomatic personalities
- Universities and associations

▪ Objective:

- Mobilizing the governments to apply the concept of geopark for a real lever of a sustainable territorial development for Arab and African countries.



Supporting the National initiatives for creating the other Geoparks in Morocco

- ❖ **Accompany the Jbel Bani Geopark in the Souss-Massa region:**
 - Support the Jbel Bani Geopark Territory for it's self-evaluation
 - Provide the necessary documents to apply to the GGN
 - Training on the UNESCO labeling process.
 - Project of partnership agreement between the M'goun Geopark and the Jbel Bani Geopark.



❖ Support the creation of new geoparks projects

Support the creation of new geoparks projects:

- The Siroua geopark project in the Draâ-Tafilalet region
- The Middle Atlas geopark project



Application for the 10 th international conference on Unesco's Global Geoparks in Morocco in 2022

The Unesco M'goun Geopark. The leading geopark in Africa and the Arab region, has applied to host the 10th International Conference on Unesco's Global Geoparks in Morocco in 2022

