

2nd GGN DIGITAL FORUM

Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 12:00 GMT

The GGN Executive Board invites all GGN Institutional Members' official representatives, the GGN Individual Members and the GGN Honorary Members to participate in the 2nd GGN Digital Forum which will be held on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th of February 2021.

The 1st session of the GGN Digital Forum on Tuesday 23rd (12.00-14.00 GMT) will be about GGN issues and it is open to GGN Members ONLY!

The 2nd session of the GGN Digital Forum on Wednesday 24th (12.00-14.30 GMT) will be about issues related to networking and the vision of the UNESCO Global Geoparks for the future in "The World After" and will be open to GGN Members, Aspiring Geoparks and UNESCO National Commission Representatives.

The Forum will be hosted in the GGN digital platform GoToMeeting.

The platform can host at the same time 251 attendees. For this reason, please use one digital connection for each UNESCO Global Geopark or Aspiring Geopark.

The GGN Executive Board

Agenda

Tuesday 23rd February 2021 / 12.00-14.00 GMT

(6.00 - 8.00 AM Mexico / 9.00 - 11.00 PM Japan)

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone

<https://www.gotomeet.me/PetrifiedForest/2nd-ggn-forum-23-24-february>

Meeting ID: 683-161-325

11:00-12:00 GMT **Check connection of the participants**

- 12:00-12:10 GMT **Welcome and Greetings / Adoption of the Agenda**
Greetings by
- Nickolas Zouros, GGN President
 - Kristof Vandenberghe, UNESCO
 - Guy Martini, UGGp Council Chair
- 12:10-12:15 GMT **UNESCO Global Geoparks – Latest news**
Updated form A - invitation to participate in the testing phase
Kristof Vandenberghe, UNESCO
- 12:15-12:25 GMT **Report on GGN Activities till November 2020**
Nickolas Zouros and Guy Martini
- 12:25-12:30 GMT **Report on GGN Financial Status**
Kristin Rangnes, GGN Treasurer
- 12:30-12:50 GMT **REGIONAL GEOPARKS NETWORKS**
(5' each
presentation)
- Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN)**
Xiaochi Jin - P.R. China
- European Geoparks Network (EGN)**
Kristin Rangnes - Norway
- Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network (GeoLAC)**
Patricio Melo - Brazil
- Canadian Geoparks Network**
John Calder - Canada
- African UNESCO Global Geoparks Network (AUGGN)**
- **North Africa and Arab world**
Driss Achbal - Morocco
- **Sub-Saharan Africa**
Rama Khatibu - Tanzania

12:50-13:00 GMT **9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks – Jeju island**
Yongmun Jeon - Conference Organizing Committee Representative

13:00-13:40 GMT
(5' each
presentation)

GGN WORKING GROUPS

GGN Working Group on Geo-Hazards
Babbis Fassoulas - Greece

GGN Working Group on Volcanic Areas
Setsuya Nakada – Japan

GGN Working Group on Geological Heritage Assessment
Ibrahim Komoo – Malaysia

GGN Working group on Tourism
Marie - Luise Frey – Germany & Carlos Carvalho – Portugal

GGN Working group on Education
Jose Maria Barrera – Spain & Jianping Zhang – P.R. China

GGN Working group on Sustainable Development Goals
Xiaochi Jin - P.R. China

GGN Working group on Island Geoparks
Kazuhiro Nobe - Japan

13:40-14:00 GMT **Discussion Q & A**

14:00 GMT **End of Session**

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UNESCO Global Geoparks – Networking

11:00-12:00 GMT **Check connection of the participants**

12:00-12:05 GMT **Welcoming the participants**

12:05-12:15 GMT **The new UNESCO – GGN initiative “Geoparks for Africa”**

Guy Martini, UGGp Council Chair

Kristof Vandenberghe, UNESCO

12:15-12:35 GMT **UNESCO Global Geoparks in “The World After” – Vision for the future**

Geopark Roadmap on Climate Change

Nickolas Zouros, GGN President

Guy Martini, UGGp Council Chair

12:35-14:05 GMT **LEARNING FROM THE PAST & PREPARING THE FUTURE:**

(5' each
presentation)

Presentation of UNESCO Global Geoparks' best practices as inspiration for future steps

	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>UNESCO Global Geopark</i>	<i>Country</i>
WATER RESOURCES				
12:35-12:40 GMT	Water education - reuse, minimum water consumption	Rokua UGGp educational activities on water management Vesa Krökki	Rokua UGGp	Finland
12:40-12:45 GMT	Management of water resources	Dong Van hydropower station Prof. Tran Tan Van	Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp	Vietnam
MARINE ENVIRONMENT				
12:45-12:50 GMT	Marine biodiversity	Support sea turtle center Rosana Mega Gatimah	Cilethu-Palabuhanratu UGGp	Indonesia
12:50-12:55 GMT	Marine environment conservation	Involvement of Qeshm UGGp in marine environment Alireza Almicazem	Qeshm Island UGGp	Iran
SUSTAINABLE TOURISM/SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT				
12:55-13:00 GMT	Sustainable tourism	Sustainable tourism in Imbabura UGGp Carlos Merizalde	Imbabura UGGp	Equador
13:00-13:05 GMT	Sustainable tourism	Eco friendly guest villages in Yanqing UGGp Li Yunquian	Yanqing UGGp	China
13:05-13:10 GMT	Local products	Burren and Cliffs of Moher UGGp Ecotourism Network Carol Glesson	Burren and Cliffs of Moher UGGp	Ireland
13:10-13:15 GMT	Local products	Promoting local products in Satun UGGp Narongrit Thongprue & Nattinee Sripeth	Satun UGGp	Thailand

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VISIBILITY				
13:15-13:20 GMT	Using new technology, Apps, QR code, etc.	VGeoVR project Pal Thomae	Magma UGGp	Norway
13:20-13:25 GMT	New ways/tools to communicate	The ‘Geopark In Focus’ series of fascinating interviews hosted by Prof Iain Stewart Melanie Border	English Riviera UGGp	UK
INDIGENOUS POPULATION				
13:25-13:30 GMT	Specific actions promoting indigenous people	Involving Maasai people inside Ngorongoro-Lengai UGGp Rama Khatibu	Ngorongoro-Lengai UGGp	Tanzania
13:30-13:35 GMT	Specific actions promoting indigenous people	“La Casa de la Tierra” The House of the Earth Jose Luis Palacio	Mixteca Alta, Oaxaca UGGp	Mexico
13:35-13:40 GMT	Specific actions promoting indigenous people	Understanding indigenous culture and linkage with nature: The picture book ‘Origins of River Names’ Nire Kagaya	Toya-Usu UGGp	Japan
13:40-13:45 GMT	Specific actions promoting indigenous people	Cliffs of Fundy UGGp and Mi’kmaq reconciliation John Calder	Cliffs of Fundy UGGp	Canada

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CLIMATE CHANGE				
13:45-13:50 GMT	Climate change and Carbon footprint	Restoration of 40,000ha of peatland and its enormous climate change mitigation benefits Chris Woodley Stewart	North Pennines UGGp	UK
13:50-13:55 GMT	Renewal energy and Carbon footprint	Renewal energy in El Hierro UGGp Candelaria Sánchez	El Hierro UGGp	Spain
13:55-14:00 GMT	Encourage population's actions on waste management and recycling material use	Encourage population's actions on waste management and recycling material use: Participation in the World CleanUp Day Driss Achbal	M'Goun UGGp	Morocco
14:00-14:30 GMT	Discussion Q & A			
14:30 GMT	End of Session			