

Comments on GGN Action Plan 2024-2025

Action 1

--The GGN brand is showing signs of weakening. Regular evaluation was regarded as important more than being "good standing" of GGN membership.

--As to working groups, its role in the operation needs to be re-affirmed and its composition be updated.

--We have always maintained that the *GGN Newsletter* and the website operated by GGN Beijing Office are two important communication tools for GGN. Hope to get support from GGN.

--Relative to other social media, the WeChat app is the most frequently used timely communication tool by geopark managers in China.

Action 2

--Strengthen evaluators' capacity building through the training courses. The number of geoparks evaluated should not be the only criterion for nomination of senior evaluator.

Action 4

--In order to mobilize the initiative of all members, the National Geoparks Network should include UGGp and all GGN members (individual, honorary and cooperating).

Action 5

--A sentence about the Honorary Members should be added.

Action 6

--A formal award is an effective mechanism to motivate members. As a UGGp, Longyan Geopark is extremely proud of winning the second place of the first GGN Film Festival, and is greatly encouraged especially during the COVID-19 epidemic. They want to have a formal award ceremony.

--"One vote per Geopark and individual member allowed for the selection for the

best practice awards” is inconsistent with those of the Rules and Regulations of GGN BP Award.

--CGN has a traditional event of hosting exhibition during the international and conferences.

Action 9

--CGN will involve a capacity training next year to specifically assist African geopark, Ngrongron Lengai UGGp, funded by the Chinese government. I hope to get support and guidance from GGN.

Action 10

--UNESCO’ logo has limitation, but GGN’ logo should be more open for public and partners.

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