



GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK CONTESTS

Extended deadline for submissions until 31 March 2025

The winners will be nominated at the end of May

www.ggn20anniversary.com

This site, designed for public access, offers comprehensive information necessary for the participation of the population within a geopark (including competition rules, FAQs, and application registration).

It has been translated into 33 languages, accessible either through a drop-down menu or via direct web addresses. Please note that two languages, Swahili and Mapudugun, are only accessible through direct web addresses as they could not be integrated into the drop-down menu.

IMPORTANT

Call to Geoparks to host the winners of the GGN contests

The GGN Executive Board would like to invite Geoparks to host the winners of the GGN contests the 'Earth Visual Odyssey' photo contest and the 'Stone's Stories' contest.

Geoparks willing to participate should offer:

-5 days' stay (accommodation local transportation in the Geopark and meals) to one of the winners including geopark attractions access and guided tours.

The GGN will cover the travel expenses to the Geopark for the winners.

The GGN will promote the winners and the inviting Geoparks through its communication channels (Facebook, videos, etc.).

Please let submit your interest, as soon as possible, and no later than **January 31, 2025**.

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The GGN 20th Anniversary contests

1. The 'Earth Visual Odyssey' photo contest

The Earth Visual Odyssey photo contest, celebrates the deep connection between humans and Earth's geological wonders. It's not just about the landscapes, rocks, fossils, and minerals in the 213 UNESCO Geoparks, but the human stories they tell.

This contest invites you to capture the relationship between people and geology, highlighting how these elements shape our lives, cultures, and identities. Each photograph is a testament to our journey with nature, celebrating our curiosity, understanding, and commitment to preserving our home. Let's honor these geological marvels and inspire change through our shared heritage.

<https://ggn20anniversary.com/earth-visual-odyssey>



2. The Stone's stories" contest

The Stone's Stories contest honors our bond with Earth's silent storytellers—stones, minerals, fossils, and landscapes.

Each holds the secrets of our planet's history. This platform invites you to share your unique connection with these natural wonders, highlighting the emotions and memories they inspire. Your story, whether about a pebble, fossil, or landscape, contributes to Earth's collective saga, showcasing our kinship with nature and commitment to safeguarding it. Let's celebrate these wonders and cherish our bonds with nature. Every tale matters, every voice resonates, and together, we can inspire change.

<https://ggn20anniversary.com/stones-stories>



For young individuals aged 12-18

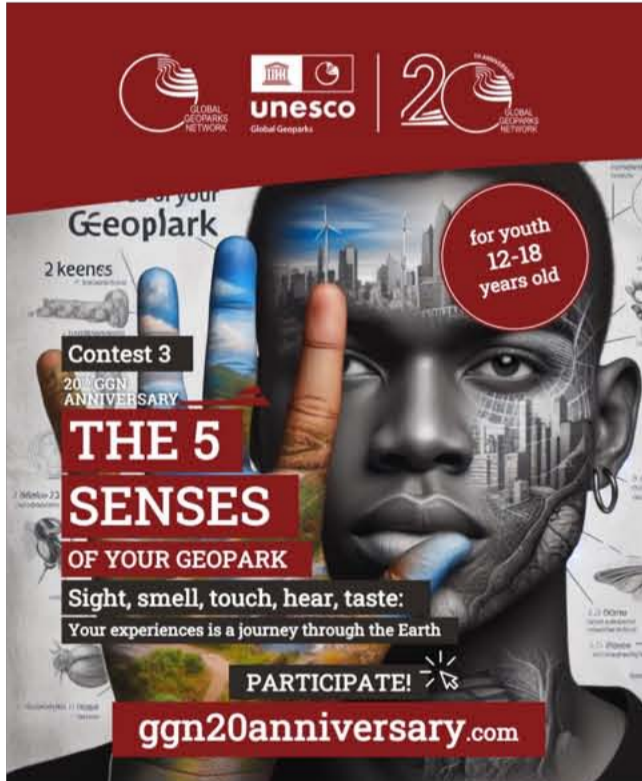
3. The 5 senses of your Geopark

The GGN invites young individuals aged 12-18 to participate in 'The 5 Senses of Your Geopark' contest, where they can express their unique sensory experiences of their Geopark.

Capture the sounds, smells, sights, tastes, and textures that define your connection to your territory. This contest is about cherishing your relationship with your Geopark through writing, narrating your sensory journey. Share your unique perspective and appreciate the beauty of Geoparks.

Are you ready for this sensory exploration? Let your senses lead the way.

<https://ggn20anniversary.com/the-5-senses-of-your-geopark>



The GGN 20th Anniversary celebration

2024 marked a major milestone for our Global Geoparks Network (GGN), as we celebrated 20-years history of our Network.

The 20th Anniversary of our Global Geoparks Network marked 20 years since the foundation of a Global Network of Cooperation among Geoparks worldwide in order to promote the three main goals of conserving our Geopark Heritage and planet Earth, our common home, educating the public in Earth Sciences, and fostering sustainable local development.

The Global Geoparks Network (GGN) was initially founded in 2004 as an international partnership developed under the umbrella of UNESCO and serves to develop models of best practice and set quality-standards for territories that integrate the protection of Earth heritage sites in a strategy for sustainable economic development. Networking and collaboration among the Global Geoparks is the most important component of the Global Geoparks Network.

The celebration will continue in 2025, as will all celebrate of the 10th Anniversary of the UNESCO Global Geoparks.

We consider extremely important the involvement of the Geopark teams and the Geopark communities in this celebration!

