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GGN ELECTIONS 2025

Voting procedure for the GGN Executive Board & GGN Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Election of Members to the Executive Board

The election of Members of the GGN Executive Board and for the seats of the Executive Board Officers, shall take place during the General Assembly meeting held during the General Conference.

The Members of the GGN Ordinary General Assembly constitute the voting Members. Voting rights are set forth in the Statutes. Each Institutional and Individual member has one vote. Voting Members who are unable to be present on the days of voting may choose to vote by proxy, whereby they may designate another voting Member to vote on their behalf. A voting Member may have a single proxy only for a single absent voting Member. Only proxy forms established by the GGN Secretariat and published on GGN's Internet site shall be accepted at the time of voting.

Upon presentation of the proxy, the voting Member shall receive the voting ballot of the Member he or she is representing.

The voting ballot for ordinary membership on the Executive Board should set forth the candidates' names in alphabetical order. In order to be valid, a vote must provide the option to select, by ticking a box, a maximum of five (5) candidates for ordinary membership on the Executive Board.

If this condition is not satisfied, the voting ballot shall be deemed invalid. In addition, for each seat of the Executive Board Officers, the voting ballot must provide the option to select, by ticking

a box, no more than one candidate. If this condition is not satisfied, the vote for the relevant seat of the Executive Board Officer shall be deemed invalid.

Only voting session pertaining to an election are to be held by secret ballot.

(GGN Internal Rules and Regulations)

ELECTIONS DATE:

Wednesday 10 September 2025 - During the 5th GGN Ordinary General Assembly

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE:

A. For the GGN Executive Board

In the voting for the GGN Executive Board, only the official representatives of GGN Institutional and Individual members who are in good standing and Honorary members are participating in person at the 5th GGN Ordinary General Assembly are eligible to vote for the Executive Board.

The voting list has been prepared in advance based on information by the GGN members. Please ensure you have sent your “GGN Institutional Member Representative Form” to the GGN secretariat, if you have not, please immediately send the Form by **Friday, 29 August**.

You can find the “GGN Representative Form” on the GGN website at the following link:

www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/news/ggn-official-representatives

B. For the GGN Advisory Committee Chair & Vice-Chair

Voting for the Advisory Committee is limited to members of the GGN Advisory Committee, specifically:

- The appointed representative of a GGN National Network/Forum that shall be a GGN member.
- In countries with only one UNESCO Global Geopark the representative of the GGN Institutional Member (UNESCO Global Geopark) from that country serves as the Advisory Committee member.

Please ensure that you have informed Secretariat of the GGN about your representative. If you have not, please send the information to **Friday, 29 August**.

CONFIRMATION OF PRESENCE:

All GGN Members (Institutional, Individual & Honorary) and GGN Advisory Committee members should confirm their email address on site and report their presence to the GGN Secretariat. Reporting can be accepted at the GGN Secretariat/Stand on **Tuesday 9 September** during the conference.

VOTING PROGRAMME

The voting procedure will take place during the 5th GGN Ordinary General Assembly (Wednesday 10 September 2025):

A. Voting for the GGN Executive Board

Vote for the GGN Executive Board

In the voting can participate the GGN **Institutional, Individuals & Honorary** members, present in the General Assembly as well as those GGN members by **PROXY** (nominated by Institutional, Individual & Honorary members)

B. Voting for the GGN Advisory Committee Chair & Vice-Chair

Vote for the GGN Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair

In the voting can participate the GGN **Advisory Committee** members

VOTING PROCEDURE:

Voting will be conducted using an electronic voting system.

To participate, you will need access to your email address. Please be equipped with a computer or mobile device with an internet connection.

Starting & sending your vote:

1. An announcement will be made at the 5th GGN Ordinary General Assembly when the voting procedure begins
2. An email to vote will be sent from “noreply@electionrunner.com“ to the address you provided
3. Open the email and click on the “**Click Here to Vote**” link and you will be directed to the ballot.
4. Select your choice by clicking the box next to your selected choice (for more information on the number of votes, please see below).
5. Click “**Send**” to cast your vote.

IMPORTANT NOTES

If you cannot find the email in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

For any technical problems please contact the GGN team at the entrance of the conference hall of the 5th GGN Ordinary General Assembly.

NUMBER OF VOTES

A. Votes for the GGN Executive Board

- For GGN **President**: you may vote for up to **1 candidate**
- For GGN **Vice President**: you may vote for up to **1 candidate**

- For GGN **Secretary General**: you may vote for up to **1 candidate**
- For GGN **Treasurer**: you may vote for up to **1 candidate**
- For GGN **Member**: you may vote for up to **5 candidates**

B. Votes for the GGN Advisory Committee chair & Vice-Chair

- For GGN Advisory Committee **Chair**: you may vote for **1 candidate**
- For GGN Advisory Committee **Vice-Chair**: you may vote for **1 candidate**

CANDIDATES

A. For the GGN Executive Board

SEAT	NAME	COUNTRY
President	Artur Abreu Sá	Portugal
Vice President	Jianping Zhang	China
	Kana Furusawa	Japan
General Secretary	Zouros Nikolaos	Greece
Treasurer	Guy Martini	France
Members		
Africa Geoparks Network	Driss Achbal	Morocco
Asian Pacific Geoparks Network	Alireza Amrikazemi	Iran
	Azmil Munif Mohd Bukhari	Malaysia
European Geoparks Network	Kristin Rangnes	Norway
	Karmah Salman	Spain
GeoLAC	Thiago da Silva Marinho	Brazil
North America Geoparks	John Calder	Canada
Individual Members	Maria Luise Frey	Germany
	Xiaochi Jin	China
	João Carlos Nunes	Portugal
	Martina Pásková	Czech Republic

B. For the GGN Advisory Committee Chair & Vice-Chair

SEAT	NAME	COUNTRY
Chair	José Luis Palacio Prieto	Mexico

GGN Advisory Committee members can submit their candidacy for the GGN Advisory Committee Vice-Chair seat during the Advisory Committee meeting on **Tuesday, 9 September 2025**.

MORE INFORMATION

Please find more information about the **candidatures** on the GGN website at the following link:

www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/news/ggn-elections-candidatures-0