

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Arouca, 7th June 2025

To whom it may concerns,

The Arouca UNESCO Global Geopark is honoured to express its strong support for the candidacy of Prof Dr Artur A. Sá for the position of President of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN).

Prof Dr Artur A. Sá has demonstrated an exceptional and sustained commitment to the Global Geoparks movement for over two decades. His deep and comprehensive understanding of the UNESCO Global Geoparks concept, its values, and its strategic direction is the result of years of active engagement, scientific leadership, and international collaboration.

His academic dedication to the field, particularly through the coordination of the UNESCO Chair in Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles, has significantly advanced the global capacity-building efforts essential to the continued success of the GGN. His work in training senior staff and stakeholders on topics critical to UNESCO Global Geoparks has contributed meaningfully to the growth and professionalization of the GGN worldwide.

Prof Dr Artur A. Sá's leadership qualities, combined with his ability to foster dialogue, innovation, and cooperation across cultures and regions, have earned him international recognition. His vision, experience, and dedication make him uniquely qualified to guide the Global Geoparks Network into its next phase of development.

The Arouca UNESCO Global Geopark fully endorses his candidacy, confident that his presidency would bring thoughtful leadership, strategic insight, and a strong commitment to the shared values of the Global Geoparks community.



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On behalf of the Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network (GeoLAC), it is an honor to formally express our full and unwavering support for Professor Dr. Artur Agostinho de Abreu Sá in his candidacy for the position of President of the Global Geoparks Network.

Professor Dr. Sá currently serves as the Scientific Coordinator of the Arouca UNESCO Global Geopark and as Chair Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair on “Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles.” His distinguished career reflects a profound and longstanding commitment to the development and management of UNESCO Global Geoparks, not only in Portugal but also throughout Latin America and Portuguese-speaking countries.

He has consistently demonstrated visionary leadership and tireless dedication in promoting the concept of geoparks as dynamic territories rooted in local identity and sustainable development. His efforts have significantly contributed to advancing the mission and visibility of geoparks within the broader framework of UNESCO's objectives.

At GeoLAC, we are confident that Professor Dr. Sá's leadership would bring a constructive and decisive vision to the Global Geoparks Network, further strengthening its role and guiding the implementation of its strategic plan. His extensive scientific expertise, academic background, and inclusive approach position him as an ideal candidate to serve in this important role.

We extend our strongest endorsement for his candidacy and are certain that his appointment would be of great benefit to the global geopark community.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Emmaline Montserrat Rosado González
Coordinator
Latin America and Caribbean Global Geoparks Network (GeoLAC)



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June 5 2025

TO:

Prof. Artur Agostinho de Abreu e Sá

UNESCO Chair on Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development
and Healthy Lifestyles

University of Tras-os-Mondes e Alto Duro
Vila Real, Portugal

Dear Prof. Sa,

On behalf of the LESVOS UNESCO Global Geopark I would like to express our congratulations to you for the activities of the UNESCO Chair on Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles at the University of Tras-os-Mondes e Alto Duro, which under your guidance provides a significant support to the UNESCO Global Geoparks as well as to the Global Geoparks Network.

Based on your long experience and contribution in the Geoparks activities in Portugal, Europe and the World through networking and capacity building activities, through your active participation in the Global and Regional Geopark Networks, LESVOS UNESCO Global Geopark wishes to endorse your application to become President of the Global Geoparks Network

We believe that your long experience on the development of Global Geoparks will be useful and will contribute to further development and strengthening of the work of the GGN and the UNESCO Global Geoparks

For the LESVOS UNESCO Global Geopark

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Professor Nickolas Zouros