



Uberaba, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## ENDORSEMENT LETTER

**To the Global Geoparks Network,**

On behalf of the Associação Geoparque Uberaba, it is with great enthusiasm and conviction that I endorse the candidacy of Prof. Dr. Thiago da Silva Marinho, Scientific Coordinator of the Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark, for a position on the Executive Board of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN).

Prof. Marinho has been a key figure in the development, implementation, and scientific coordination of the Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark since its inception. With a solid academic background in Geology and Paleontology, he brings over two decades of experience in research, heritage education, and public engagement. His leadership was instrumental in the successful inscription of Uberaba as a UNESCO Global Geopark in 2024.

Throughout his career, Prof. Marinho has shown an unwavering commitment to the GGN's values, promoting geoconservation, scientific outreach, and sustainable territorial development. His work has been central to the integration of scientific research with local knowledge and community participation, aligning perfectly with the mission and vision of the Global Geoparks Network.

He has also represented the Geopark and our region with distinction in international events, such as the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Morocco (2023) and the 37th International Geological Congress in South Korea (2024), actively contributing to GGN working sessions and building bridges with geopark representatives from around the world.

We firmly believe that his experience, vision, and dedication will be of great value to the Executive Board and to the continued strengthening of the GGN worldwide.

We strongly support his candidacy and respectfully ask the Committee to consider Prof. Dr. Thiago da Silva Marinho for this important role.

Sincerely,

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**Oaxaca, Mexico, 5 June, 2025**

**LETTER OF NOMINATION**

Through this document Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network (GeoLAC) is pleased to support Professor Dr. Thiago Marinho, Scientific Coordinator of the Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark, as a candidate for the GGN Executive Board in the 2025 Global Geoparks Network Executive Board election.

We are convinced that his well-known extensive experience on management of geological and paleontological heritage on UNESCO Global Geoparks can be very useful for the GGN Executive Board.

Do not hesitate to contact for further information.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emmaline M. Rosado González".

**Emmaline M. Rosado González**

**Latin America and Caribbean Geoparks Network**



## **Support Letter**

**Subject:** Support Letter for Thiago Marinho's Candidacy for the GGN Executive Board

To the President of the Election Committee,

Global Geoparks Network (GGN)

On behalf of Arouca UNESCO Global Geopark, a member of the Global Geoparks Network, I would like to express our full support for the candidacy of Thiago Marinho for the Executive Board of the GGN.

Thiago has shown outstanding dedication to the principles and objectives of the GGN. His experience as Scientific Coordinator of Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark and his active engagement at international GGN events and UNESCO bodies make him a strong candidate to contribute meaningfully to the governance and strategic development of the Network.

We believe that his leadership and vision will further enhance the inclusiveness and outreach of the GGN.

Sincerely,

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