

"Geoparks for Climate Resilience: From Global Strategy to Local Action"

0:00 – 0:10 | **Welcome & Climate Reality Check (Artur)**

Facilitator's Role: Set urgency + optimism.

Activities:

Quick "pulse" poll:

- "On a scale of 1–5, how prepared is your Geopark to face climate impacts?"
- Present 2–3 striking facts from the GGN Action Plan (Pillar 1) showing how Geoparks are already acting on climate change.

State workshop goals:

- Share best practices for climate action in UGGps
- Co-create scalable resilience strategies
- Define a shared climate commitment for 2025–2027

0:10 – 0:25 | **Inspiration: Geoparks in Action (Zheng)**

Activity: 5–6 min for sharing examples of Regional good practices

- Community-based climate adaptation programs.
- Zero plastic initiatives.
- Indigenous knowledge integration in resilience planning.
- Climate change education for schools and tourists.
- Etc.

Prompt for Reflection:

"If every Geopark took one bold step for climate resilience this year, what would it be?"

Use post-it for each answer

0:25 – 0:45 | **Small Group Brainstorm – "Climate Champions" (Kirstin)**

Setup: Groups of 4–5, each gets a Pillar 1 focus area:

- A - Climate change education & awareness
- B - Waste management & zero plastic policy
- C - Energy efficiency & renewables
- D - Climate research & living laboratories

Task:

1. Identify one quick-win action (within 12 months).
2. Identify one flagship project (by 2027).
3. Name potential partners and resources.

Output: Post on wall under "Quick Wins" & "Flagships" columns.

0:45 – 1:15 | ***World Café: Scaling Up Climate Solutions (Leandro)***

Format: 3 table rotations, each table with a climate theme:

- Education & Awareness: How do we reach more people faster?
- Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing: How to strengthen regional networks for climate action?
- Innovation & Policy: How to pilot and adopt carbon reduction and offset measures?

At Each Table:

- 2 min recap from previous group.
- 10 min discussion to refine & expand ideas.
- Leave written notes for the next group.

1:15 – 1:25 | ***Energizer (John Calder)***

“Climate Connections” game: Participants find 3 others whose Geoparks have faced a climate challenge similar to theirs.

Purpose: Spark peer learning & future collaboration.

1:25 – 1:50 | ***Action Prioritization & Commitment (Artur)***

- Step 1: Gallery walk — everyone reviews all quick wins and flagships from earlier.
- Step 2: Dot-vote on top 3 network-wide priorities for 2025–2027.
- Step 3: In pairs, define one personal or organizational pledge they will act on in the next 6 months.

1:50 – 2:00 | ***Closing the Loop (Artur)***

- Facilitator presents final Top 3 Network Climate Actions + pledges.
- Explain how these will feed into the GGN climate indicators (e.g., number of initiatives, materials produced, policies implemented).
- End with a unifying message: “Every Geopark is a climate resilience lab. Together, we are the global network for local change.”

We will need...

- PC
- Post-its;
- Flip chart and markers;
- pens