

## GGN Advisory Committee

- At present (november 2025), 229 geoparks are found in 50 countries.
- 34 countries have more than one UGG
- 16 countries have only one UGG.
- All 50 countries are members of the Advisoty Committee

### Advisory Committee members

(<https://www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/organization/advisory-committee>)

| #   | Country                               | Name of the GGN National Forum / Committee    | GGN Advisory Committee Members |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | Austria                               | Austrian National Fora                        | Oliver Gulas                   |
| 2.  | Belgium                               | Representative of Famenne-Ardenne UGGp        | Alain Petit                    |
| 3.  | Brazil                                | Brazilian Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks   | Eduardo Guimarães              |
| 4.  | Canada                                | Canadian Geoparks Network                     | Frances Heydeman               |
| 5.  | Chile                                 | Representative of Kütralkura UGGp             | Patricia Herrera               |
| 6.  | China                                 | Chinese Geoparks Network                      | Yuanyuan Zheng                 |
| 7.  | Croatia                               | Croatian Committee on UNESCO Global Geoparks  | Goran Pavic                    |
| 8.  | Cyprus                                | Representative of Troodos UGGp                | Efthimios Tsiolakis            |
| 9.  | Czech Republic                        | National Geoparks Council of Czech Republic   | Martina Pásková                |
| 10. | Democratic People's Republic of Korea | Representative of Mt Paektu UGGp              | Kim Song Ui                    |
| 11. | Denmark                               | Representative of Geoparks in Denmark         | Jacob Walløe                   |
| 12. | Ecuador                               | Ecuadorian Geoparks Committee                 | Myriam Piray Quezada           |
| 13. | Finland                               | Finnish National Geoparks Committee           | Terttu Hermansson              |
| 14. | France                                | National Committee for the Geoparks of France | Marie-Pierre Berthier          |
| 15. | Germany                               | German Geoparks Forum                         | Jutta Weber                    |
| 16. | Greece                                | Hellenic Geoparks Forum                       | Charalampos Fassoulas          |
| 17. | Hungary                               | Hungarian Geopark Committee                   | Barnabás KORBÉLY               |
| 18. | Iceland                               | Icelandic Geoparks Forum                      | Sigurður Sigursveinsson        |
| 19. | Indonesia                             | Indonesian Geoparks Network                   | Farid Mohamad Zaini            |
| 20. | Iran                                  | Representative of Geoparks in Iran            | Alireza Amrikazemi             |

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| 21. | Ireland            | Irish UNESCO Global Geoparks Committee                    | Clare Glanville          |
| 22. | Italy              | Italian Geoparks Committee                                | Alessia Amorfini         |
| 23. | Japan              | Japan Geopark Committee                                   | Setsuya Nakada           |
| 24. | Luxembourg         | Representative of Mëllerdall UGGp                         | Birgit Kausch            |
| 25. | Malaysia           | Representative of Langkawi UGGp                           | Azmil Munif Mohd Bukhari |
| 26. | Mexico             | Representative of Geoparks in Mexico                      | Jose Luis Palacio        |
| 27. | Morocco            | Representative of M' Goun UGGp                            | Driss Achbal             |
| 28. | Netherlands        | Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks              | Gretha Roelfs            |
| 29. | New Zealand        | Waitaki Whitestone UGGp                                   | Lynley Browne            |
| 30. | Nicaragua          | Representative of Rio Coco UGGp                           | Marcio Nunes             |
| 31. | Norway             | Norwegian National Committee for Geoheritage and Geoparks | Kristin Rangnes          |
| 32. | Peru               | Representative of Colca y Volcanes de Andagua UGGp        | James Posso Ramirez      |
| 33. | Philippines        | Bohol UGGp                                                | Joanne Pinat             |
| 34. | Poland             | Representative of Polish Geoparks                         | Michał Poros             |
| 35. | Portugal           | Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks              | Daniela Rocha            |
| 36. | Republic of Korea  | Korean Geoparks Network                                   | Soojae Lee               |
| 37. | Romania            | Romanian National UNESCO Global Geoparks Forum            | Alexandru Andrasanu      |
| 38. | Russian Federation | Representative of Yangan Tau UGGp                         | Adelina Khasanova        |
| 39. | Saudi Arabia       | Representative of Geoparks in Saudi Arabia                | Hussam Ai Turki          |
| 40. | Serbia             | Representative of Djerdap UGGp                            | Tamara Jankovid          |
| 41. | Slovakia           | Representative of Novohrad-Nógrád UGGp                    | Balázs György            |
| 42. | Slovenia           | Slovenian Geoparks Forum                                  | Bojan Režun              |
| 43. | Spain              | Spanish Geoparks Forum                                    | Karmah Salman            |
| 44. | Sweeden            | Representative of Platåbergen UGGp                        | Anna Bergengren          |
| 45. | Tanzania           | Representative of Ngorongoro Lengai UGGp                  | Ramadhani Khatibu        |
| 46. | Thailand           | Representative of Satun UGGp                              | Narongrit Thungprue      |
| 47. | Turkey             | Representative of Kula – Salihli UGGp                     | Tuncer Demir             |
| 48. | United Kingdom     | UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks                   | Kirstin Lemon            |
| 49. | Uruguay            | Representative of Grutas del Palacio UGGp                 | Eugenio Bidondo          |
| 50. | Viet Nam           | Representative of Geoparks in Vietnam                     | Tran Tan Van             |

## Observers: The GGN Executive Board

| Country        | Position                           | Name                     |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Portugal       | President                          | Artur Sa                 |
| P.R. China     | Vice – President                   | Jianping Zhang           |
| Japan          | Vice – President                   | Kana Furushawa           |
| Greece         | General Secretary                  | Nickolas Zouros          |
| France         | Treasurer                          | Guy Martini              |
| Norway         | Member                             | Kristin Rangnes          |
| Spain          | Member                             | Karmah Salman            |
| Iran           | Member                             | Alireza Amrikazemi       |
| Malaysia       | Member                             | Azmil Munif Mohd Bukhari |
| Brazil         | Member                             | Thiago Marinho           |
| Morocco        | Member                             | Driss Achbal             |
| Canada         | Member                             | John Calder              |
| Germany        | Member                             | Marie Luise Frey         |
| P.R. China     | Member                             | Jin Xiaochi              |
| Czech Republic | Member                             | Martina Paskova          |
| UNESCO         | UNESCO Global Geoparks Secretariat | VANDENBERGHE Kristof     |

## Observers: Regional Networks Coordinators

| Country    | Position               | Name                        |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| P.R. China | APGN Coordinator       | JIN Xiaochi                 |
| Malaysia   | APGN Vice Coordinators | KOMOO Ibrahim               |
| Japan      |                        | FURUSAWA Kana               |
| France     | EGN Coordinator        | JUSTICE Sophie              |
| Greece     | EGN Vice-Coordinator   | FASSOULAS Charalampos       |
| Mexico     | GeoLAC Coordinator     | ROSADO GONZALEZ<br>Emmaline |
| Canada     |                        |                             |
| Morocco    | Africa UGG Network     |                             |

## ANNUAL REPORTS

### National Networks: 6/33 (21/11/2025)

1. German Geoparks
2. Hellenic Geoparks
3. Irish Geoparks
4. Mexican Geoparks
5. Polish Geoparks
6. Republic of Korea GGN

### Individual UGG annual reports submitted/missing (2019–2024) :

- 2024: 63/213 (29.5%) (21/11/2025)
- 2023: 85/195 (43.5%)
- 2022: 123/177 (69.4)
- 2021: 105/169 (62.1%)
- 2020: 101/161 (62.7%)
- 2019: 131/146 (89.7)

**NOTE.** The trend in annual reporting shows a considerable decrease from 2018 to 2024. Annual reports are of great help to evaluators who carry out revalidation missions.

**Action:** Encourage UGGs to report their activities annually. Remind UGGs that reporting is mandatory and is taken into consideration in revalidation missions.

### Regional UGG networks annual reports (2019–2024)

<https://www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/annual-reports/regional-geoparks-network-annual-reports>

- 2024: EGN, APGN
- 2023: APGN
- 2022: EGN, APGN

- **2021:** APGN
- **2020:** APGN, GeoLAC
- **2019:** APGN, EGN, GeoLAC