

GGN – Annual Report 2024 from Chinese Geoparks Network

1. IDENTITY / GGN NATIONAL NETWORK

National Fora/Committee: Chinese Geoparks Network (Chinese Global Geoparks Network not yet established), PR. China

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2. MEMBERS

Chair: Wei Yanguang

Members: 49 UNESCO Global Geoparks and the national geoparks in China.

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: name, representative, e-mail, website, year of application submission

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Application submitted in November 2022, accepted by UNESCO Global Geoparks Council in September 2024.

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Territories that you are advising: name, representative, e-mail, website, how many years are being advised

N/A

4. ACTIVITIES

1. Networking & GGN 20th Anniversary

Celebrating the GGN 20th anniversary

All UNESCO Global Geoparks in China responded to the call of GGN, a series of activities and workshops were organized to celebrate the 20th anniversary of GGN and to summarize the glorious development road in 20 years. The brand of Global Geoparks has been further promoted. This event run throughout the year.

The Earth Day & APGN week

The Fifth APGN Week with the theme of Celebrating Earth Heritage and Strengthening Networking was successfully held from 22 to 28 April 2024. Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) is an important topic of this year's APGN Week. 46 Geoparks in China launched on 22 April an event of Geoparks Mutual Exhibition and Interacting Activities. At this event every geopark held a poster exhibition of geosites, landscape, etc. of all the participation Geoparks in its indoor halls or open square, which attracted a large number of visitors and teams of school students, and has been proven to be an effective means to promote Global Geoparks. The exhibition continued to the end of the APGN Week. Another common event of these geopark was geopark passport check-in, i.e. geoparks stamped on the visitors' geopark passport. At the same time, a series of popular science activities were organized for visitors and local school students by these Geoparks respectively.

8th APGN Symposium in Cao Bang

The 8th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium and conjunct UGGp Council meeting, GGN Executive Board meeting, APGN AC and CC meeting were held in the Cao Bang UGGp from 08 to 15 September 2024. The opening ceremony of the 8th APGN Symposium was held on 12 September. About 130 participants from 39 global geoparks and related institutions in China attended the symposium, 12 geoparks had their booths at the GeoFair, and 36 delegates gave oral presentations and posters.

Annual meeting

On September 23-24, the 2024 Chinese Global Geoparks Annual Meeting and the 20th Anniversary of GGN Seminar was held in Xingyi Global Geopark, Guizhou. The meeting summarized the achievements of Chinese Global Geoparks in the past 20 years in the protection of geoh heritage, science education, sustainable development and international exchanges and cooperation. More than 150 representatives from Global Geoparks and candidate sites in China, representatives of relevant geopark authorities and invited experts attended the event.

2. Promotion / Capacity Building

Theme forum,

Forum on Volcano Geoparks: organized in turn among 10 Global Geoparks. Ningde UGGp hosted the forum during the local cultural tourism festival this year.

Popular science,

The large number of students, tourists and local residents have benefited from these science popularization activities which organized by global geoparks in China.

Study trips

Travel with Books, a project designed to respond to the demands from primary and secondary schools, initiated by China Media Group and Yandangshan UGGp and followed by Xiangxi, Yimengshan, Zhangjiajie and Longyan UGGps.

Nature Academy, an example from Danxiashan UGGp, more than 300 easy courses developed to public including visitors, local residents, students etc.

Training course

The 8th session of International Training Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks was organized by China University of Geosciences, Beijing and Xiangxi UGGp during the period from October 09-15 in Xiangxi, Hunan. During the period, the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Global Geoparks Network, and workshop on Disaster Reduction were organized.

Another training Course for colleagues from Ngorongoro-Lengai UGGp held in Arusha Tanzania between May and June 2024, supported by Shennongjia, Huangshan, Danxiashan, Hong Kong and Arxan UGGps and institutions in China. This course was the part of a project from China Geological Survey.

3. Evaluations & Revalidations

- **One Evaluation:** Yunyang aspiring Global Geopark
- **One Deferred Application** (2023): Kanbula
- **Ten Revalidations:** Arxan, Danxiashan, Huangshan, Keketuohai, Leiqiong, Songshan, Wangwushan - Daimeishan, Shilin, Yuntaishan and Zigong UGGp.