

Geoheritage management in UNESCO designated sites CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Within the United Nations, UNESCO alone has a mandate to support research and capacity building in Earth Sciences. The International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) is our flagship.

UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section and World Heritage Division, in collaboration with experts from IUCN proposes to deliver a workshop for staff and managers of World Heritage properties (designated under criterion viii) as well as other type of conserved areas, whether by UNESCO or national designation (Biosphere Reserve, Global Geopark, national park, etc.).

Objective of the workshop is to provide capacity building for UNESCO designated site managers related to:

- recent developments about major concepts related geodiversity and geoconservation methods and technologies,
- identification and adaptation of natural and anthropic threats to geoheritage and their mitigation,
- development of efficient geoheritage interpretation strategies,
- Integration of geodiversity and geoconservation management plans of different UNESCO designated sites within same territories,
- To help natural UNESCO designated sites managers for the development of new geoconservation strategies in their territories and improve existing strategies;

Application Process:

If you are a representative of an UNESCO designated site as well as other type of conserved areas dealing with geoheritage management, please send the following documents to the IGGP Secretariat before **13th August 2023**:

- A brief geological description of your site (500-1000 words);
- A cover letter explaining your expectations from the workshop and how it might help you to set-up a new geoheritage management plan and/or improve existing geoheritage management plan for your site and deliver it (500-1000 words);
- Your CV.

The present call will prioritize trainees from developing countries and UNESCO Member States. Women and early career participants are especially encouraged to apply.

Should you have any further inquiries, please write to:

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