Phase: **Preparation**

Start With

Contact with UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGps) in your country (if there already exsists)

Contact with National Geopark Committees (if there already exsists) Contact with Regional Geopark Network and Global Geopark Network (GGN).

Contact with **UNESCO Representation** in your country

Documents That Help

- 1. Statutes and Operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks
- 2. Application Process Frequented Asked Question

In case of the transnational Geoparks:

1. Explanatory document to guide transnational UNESCO Global Geopark applications

Autopreparation toolkits (no need to send these documents) 1.a Self-Evalution Checklist for Aspiring UNESCO Global Geoparks (aUGGp)

1.b Self-Evaluation Checklist Explanatory Notes for Aspiring UNESCO Global Geoparks (aUGGp)

The checklist serves to help you asess wheather you are prepared to apply. We recommend that you moving to the next phase once you meet at least 50% of the checklist and have been functional as a geopark for one year.

Events y Courses

Activities organized by UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Regular short courses, tranings, and metorship and knowledge exchange programme.

UNESCO and Regional Geopark Network Activities and Conferences.

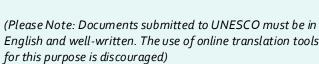


Phase: **Expression of Interest**



Expression of Intrest

Letter of Intrest should be sent from the National Commission for UNESCO or the government body in charge of relations with UNESCO to the Secretariat at the same year that the dossier is sent.





Application Dossier

- 1. Letter of Intrest
 - 2. Application Dossier (in english).
 - 2.A General information.
 - 2.B Document checklist.
 - 2.C Location of the area.
 - 2.D Main geological highlight and other elements.
 - 2.E Verification of UNESCo Global Geoparks Criteria.
 - 2.F Intrest and Arguments for becoming a UNESCO Global Geopark

3. List of Mandatory Annexes

- 3.1 Self-evaluation document.
- 3.2 An additional and separate copy of Section E1.1 "Geological heritage and Conservation".
- 3.3 An explicit endorsement of any relevant local and regional authorities and a letter of support from the National Commission for UNESCO or the government body in chrge of relations with UNESCO.
 - 3.4 A large scale of map.
 - 3.5 One-page geological and geographic summary.
- 3.6 Complete bilbliography of the area in Earth Sciecnes highlighting international publications.

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Completeness check by the UNESCO Secretariat



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Phase: **Evaluation**

New Applications formally presented to Member States at the International Geosciences Programme (IGCP)

> Desktop reviews by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)

Map & One-page Summary

(intergovernmental check) for 3 months

Evaluation Missions

UNESCO uses a unique procedure of field evaluation and revalidation missions to ensure that areas fulfil or keep on fulfilling the criteria of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

These assessments are carried out by two evaluators, which are chosen from the official "Roster of Evaluators". In accordance with the Statutes and the Operational, UNESCO in conjunction with the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) maintains this roster of evaluators who undertake field evaluations of new applications for aUGGps and revalidation missions of established UGGps.

These evaluators have combined and proven professional experience relevant for UGGp development (geological heritage, conservation, sustainable development, tourism development and promotion, and environmental issues). They can bring a global perspective to the individual area.

For more information:

Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks Field Inspection Missions Evaluations & Revalidations

UNESCO Global Geoparks Council

Baesd on the filed evaluation report, there are 3 possible outcomes:

need to reapply or have an another evaluation mission

*ACCEPT: Move on to the Nomination Phase the next year. *DEFER: Need to improve the condition during the next 2 years. A report is requiered to identify the improvement. Doesn't

*REJECT: In case of non-compliance with the requirements. Need to start the application again.



Phase:

Nomination



Item on the agenda of the Executive Board Spring Session proposing to endorse the recommendations of the Council.

(The details of the recommendations will be presented in an information Document.)



Every 4 years

Phase:

Revalidation



Apply to the UNESCo Secretariat

A one-page summary of the UNESCO Global Geopark.

one year before the revalidation (at the end of july)



Present through the official channel

1. One-page summary

2. Progress report

3. Forms for Revalidation (Form A and B)

by the end fo February of the revalidation year

A field mission will be undertaken by two evaluators to revalidate the quality of the UNESCO Global Geopark. If, on the basis of the field evaluation report, the UNESCO Global Geopark:

Revalidation Missions



*Yellow Card

*Red Card



For more information:

5.6 Procedure of Revalidation (in the operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks)