



**unesco**

International Geoscience  
Programme



## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

In accordance with the Statutes of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) (see Part A, Article 2.2) and the Operational Guidelines of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) (see Article 5.2), the ordinary members of the IGCP Council shall be appointed by mutual agreement of the Director-General of UNESCO and the President of IUGS.

### **Council composition**

The IGCP Council shall be composed of six ordinary members, with the right to vote, as well as the Director-General of UNESCO and the Secretary-General of the IUGS or their representatives who shall be *ex officio* members of the IGCP Council without the right to vote.

### **Profile of the Members of the IGCP Council**

IGCP Council members shall be high-profile experts chosen for their proven experience, scientific or professional qualifications in relevant fields, taking into account an equitable geographical distribution and gender equality. They shall serve in a personal capacity, not as representatives of their respective States or any other affiliated entities. They will be required to ensure that they have no conflict of interest and that they will not seek or accept instructions from governments or other authorities.

Council Members must fulfil at least three of the criteria below:

- Hold a PhD in Earth sciences
- Have a proven exemplary track record in a particular field of research and still be actively doing research
- Be considered a high-level expert in a particular field
- Have a proven record of international scientific collaborations

### **Term of office**

Ordinary members of the IGCP Council shall be appointed for a term of four years, renewable once. Every two years, half the membership of the IGCP Council shall be renewed. When appointing the initial members of the IGCP Council, the Director-General of UNESCO shall indicate those whose initial term shall expire after two years.

### **Responsibilities of an IGCP Council member**

As a member of the IGCP Council, you and your respective team members on the IGCP Council assisted by the members of the Scientific Board\* will need to assess the progress of about half a dozen existing projects as provided in their annual reports and also critique several new project proposals for future funding. Ahead of the annual IGCP Council meeting, you will be

required to compile the project evaluations and responses by the Scientific Board members in your own thematic group.

Subsequently, you will have the chance to participate in the annual IGCP Council meeting in Paris (France), where the IGCP Council members will discuss the compiled responses and comments. The Council members must be ready to dedicate time to travel to the Council meeting and study the many documents related to the IGCP projects. The Council meetings are held in English therefore a good knowledge of the English language would also be required.

The current call concerns three members of the IGCP Council who belong to of the following themes: **Earth Resources, Global Change and Geohazards.**

### **Council sessions**

The annual session of the IGCP Council will be held in Paris in February or in March. After the appointment of new members, the Council will begin the subsequent ordinary sessions electing a Chairperson, a Vice- Chairperson and a Rapporteur who shall remain in office for two years.

### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION**

- Completed nomination form and declaration on the respect of the IGCP Statutes, IGCP Operational Guidelines as well as on the fact there are no conflict of interest
- Detailed CV (including a complete publication list and a list of research projects in which the candidate is/has been involved for the last 5 years)
- Cover letter explaining motivation and added value of the candidate to the IGCP Council

---

*\* Scientific Board evaluates project proposals and annual reports of active projects in terms of their scientific merit, their financial needs, their economic and social interest and their appropriateness to the general scope of IGCP and to make recommendations concerning the proposals and projects to the IGCP Council.*