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To all Permanent Delegates and
Observers to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO

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Subject: **Call for nominations for the Councils of the
International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP)**

Sir/Madam,

UNESCO is the only United Nations organization with a mandate to support research and capacity building in geology and geophysics, and the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) is our flagship with two pillars, representing the two activities: the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP), a co-operative venture with the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), and the UNESCO Global Geoparks, in partnership with the Global Geoparks Network (GGN).

We are pleased to announce herewith the open call for candidates for the two governing Councils of the IGGP aimed to reach high-level experts actively engaged and embracing the objectives of the IGGP. According to the Statutes of the International Geoscience and Geopark Programme approved by the 38th General Conference, the members of the Councils have to be renewed on a regular basis. For the present call, we have places available for three candidates for the Council of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) and six for the Council of the UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGp). Application forms and terms of reference can be found under the following links:

International Geoscience Programme (IGCP)
<https://en.unesco.org/news/call-members-join-council-international-geoscience-programme-2020>

UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGp)
<https://en.unesco.org/news/call-candidates-renew-six-members-unesco-global-geopark-council-2020>

Please kindly share with potential candidates, who have an exemplary track-record according to the requirements listed in our terms of reference and a passion for international collaboration, and encourage to them to apply.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping the Natural Sciences Programmes in UNESCO alive at the highest possible level of excellence.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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