

UNESCO Information Session on the Role of National Commissions in the Establishment and Management of UNESCO Global Geoparks

Thursday, 11 January 2024 Online (Zoom) - Central European Time (CET)

Provisional Programme:

Opening:

13:00-13:10 Welcoming remarks by Mr Dov Lynch Chief of Section for Relations with Member States Priority Africa and External Relations Sector

> Welcoming remarks by Mr Antonio De Sousa Abreu Director of the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences Secretary of the Man and the Biosphere programme (MAB)

13:10-13:25 Introduction to workshop by Ms Özlem Adiyaman Lopes Programme Specialist, Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section, Sector for Natural Sciences

Experiences and Good Practice Examples of National Commissions:

- 13:25-14:35 Presentations of case studies by the representatives of UNESCO National Commissions explaining their past and current collaborations with geopark national committees and UNESCO Global Geoparks
- 14:35-15:25 Discussion with the representatives of National Commissions, Permanent Delegations, and UNESCO Secretariat on the role of National Commissions for the establishment and management of UNESCO Global Geoparks
- 15:25-15:30 Closing remarks by Mr Kristof Vandenberghe Chief of Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section, Sector for Natural Sciences