

GM5.5 Geodiversity and geoheritage – toolsets for a more sustainable world

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Recognizing the scientific and cultural significance of geoheritage is becoming crucial for the development of sustainable tourism and community engagement. Integrating geoheritage into **sustainable development** practices aligns with global goals, presenting a unique opportunity to balance environmental conservation with economic and social well-being.

In 2021, UNESCO embraced the International Geodiversity Day initiative, celebrated globally on October 6th since 2022. The term '**geodiversity**' encompasses all natural abiotic elements of our planet, while '**geoheritage**' represents a subset of geodiversity deemed worthy of protection. Being aware of wide range of topics and growing number of geodiversity/geoheritage studies, we call for contributions, that would include the themes especially related to:

1. **Geodiversity** and **geoheritage** assessment methodologies and case studies,
2. **Geoconservation** and **geotourism** management,
3. **Social and cultural connections** to geodiversity and geoheritage,
4. Interrelations between **geodiversity, biodiversity, and climatic diversity**,
5. Contribution of geodiversity and geoheritage to **sustainable development**.

The session is co-organised by the **Geomorphosites and Geodiversity Working Groups of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG)** and **ProGEO, the International Association for the Conservation of Geological Heritage**.

In the spirit of celebrating our shared passion for geodiversity and geoheritage, we are delighted to continue the tradition of the "indoor picnic" during the session. We encourage the participants of the session to bring some local products (food, drinks...) related to geodiversity, geoheritage or simply to their area of study. Looking forward to meeting you on this special occasion!

Abstract submission

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