

FIRST CIRCULAR

~INVITATION~

THE 7TH REGIONAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

Geopark Management and Community Involvement



SAVE THE DATE 26 - 29 April 2024

**Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark,
Kedah, Malaysia**

INTRODUCTION:

The concept of Sustainable Development championed by the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) is proven to be one of the most successful models in sustainable regional development. The increasing number of applications enrolling for GGN membership is the solid evidence of the acceptance of the concept. Tailing from the increasing number of Global Geoparks, there is a need to ensure that the true GGN concept of sustainable development is cascaded down to the geopark managers/administrators. This certainly will increase the sustainability of a Geopark, but this is a huge task for Geopark managers. To achieve this noble goal, having a Sustainable Geopark Management is crucial. Hence, there is a pressing need to connect all the geopark managers, executives and staff in this region to share their experience, challenges, and best practices in steering their respective Geoparks towards achieving sustainable development goal vision of the Geopark Concept.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

The course is open to Geopark manager, staff members and individual working on Geopark, geotourism, geosite, management and public education and community, as well as to aspiring geopark in the Asia Pacific region.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the regional workshop are:

1. To boost and enhance the connectivity of GGN members.
2. To share experiences, challenges, and best practices for sustainable management of the Geopark.
3. To disseminate and exchange ideas and knowledge on the concept of sustainable development.
4. To promote better understanding of the concept of GGN networking in this region.

COURSE FEE

**Early Bird –
Register and Pay Before 1st April 2024**

Malaysian	RM600.00
International	USD 400.00

**Normal Fee –
From 1st April 2024 onwards**

Malaysian	RM800.00
International	USD 500.00

The fee includes lessons by International speakers, didactic material, materials for workshops,, field trips during the course and meals (during the course/field trips).

REGISTRATION

[Register Here](#) or scan the QR Code



Please email to geopark@lada.gov.my for any enquiry.

DURATION AND TENTATIVE PROGRAMMES

The duration of the course is three and half (3.5) days. This course will cover fundamental aspects of Sustainable Geopark's management and development.

The contents of the workshop will be delivered through lectures by UNESCO Global Geopark Experts, sharing experience, discussion and presentation during workshop and field trips. The field trips will be organized where participants will be able to visit and study the development of the Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark.

THE COURSE WILL COVER TOPICS:

- Governance in Geoparks
- UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Heritage Site Management: Geosite, Biosite, Cultural Site – Conservation and Protection
- Community Involvement in Geoparks
- Geotourism and Geo-product
- Geopark Resilience and Sustainability
- Geopark Best Practices
- My Geopark Story – Sharing session by Participants
- Forum : *Management And Community Involvement In Geopark*

PARTICIPANTS PREPARATION

For the fieldtrips, participants are advised to prepare for suitable fieldwork attire and good walking shoes.

GETTING TO LANGKAWI

Arrival by plane: Langkawi International Airport (LGK) has several daily connections to Kuala Lumpur International Airport and Penang International Airport (PEN), or direct flight from Singapore (SIN).

Arrival by boat: Ferries to Langkawi depart from Kuala Kedah Port (Kedah), Kuala Perlis Port (Perlis) and Tammalang Port (Thailand) daily.

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PROGRAMME

Date (Day 1)	0830 - 0945	0945 - 1000	1000 - 1100	1100 - 1200	1200 - 1300	1300 - 1430	1430 - 1800	2000 - 2200
26 April, Friday						Registration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Dinner • Course Briefing
Date (Day 2)	8.30 - 10.00	1000 - 1030	10.30-1200	1200-1300	1300-1400	1430-1600	1600-1700	
27 April 2024, Saturday	Governance in Geoparks – Prof Dato’ Dr Em. Ibrahim Komoo & Dr Azmil Munif	Coffee Break & Networking	Geopark Heritage Site Management - Prof Dr Norhayati Ahmad	Governance in Geopark – Prof Nickolas Zouros (to be confirmed)	Lunch	Community Involvement in Geopark – Dato’ Prof Dr Norzaini	Geopark Best Practices – Mr Koki Nagata (Aso UGGp, Japan)	Free and Easy
Date (Day 3)	0900 - 1230				1300 - 1430	1430 - 1800		
28 April 2024, Sunday	Field Trip				Lunch	Field Trip		Dinner
Date (Day 4)	8.30 - 10.00	1000 - 1030	10.30-1200	1200-1300	1300 - 1430	1430 - 1630	16.30-1700	
29 April 2024, Monday	Geotourism and Geoproduct - Dr Kamal Roslan	Coffee Break & Networking	Geopark Resilience and Sustainability – Prof Dato’ Dr Em. Ibrahim Komoo	My Geopark Story : Sharing Session	Lunch	Forum : Management and Community Involvement in Geopark	Closing Ceremony	