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OPEN CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021

*Enhancing Societal Acceptance of the Sustainable
Development of Earth's Geological Resources*



DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 15TH 2021



VISION & RESEARCH TOPIC

UNESCO is the only UN organization with a mandate to support research and capacity in geology and geophysics, and the International Geoscience Programme is our flagship .



UNESCO's mandate acknowledges that research into the sustainable development of Earth's Resources is an important element in providing UNESCO Member States information and data to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Enhancing societal acceptance of such sustainable development is a critical, but currently an under-researched, step in this process. With this in mind, the 2021 call addresses IGCP's current vision, focused on efficient, safe, sustainable and renewable natural resources exploration and extraction and on improving the understanding, prediction and mitigation of climate change and geohazards. This vision is expressed in this year's annual topic:

“Enhancing Societal Acceptance of the Sustainable Development of Earth's Geological Resources”.



SCOPE OF PROPOSALS



Proposals should be multi-disciplinary projects addressing the topic in at least one of the following scientific domains: **geohazards, earth resources, geodynamics, hydrogeology, global change and geoheritage for sustainable development.**

Addressing these themes, project proposals should focus on defining, developing and documenting case studies and best practices to enhance societal acceptance of the sustainable development of Earth's geological resources and explore the linkages with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Priority will be given to projects aimed at understanding the legitimate concerns of indigenous communities and the potential conflicts arising from the impact of the development of Earth Resources.

Proposals related to the annual topic and scientific domains but focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI), big data and cloud computing methodologies for application in the Geosciences and projects in aspiring and existing UNESCO Global Geoparks, are also welcome.



WHO CAN APPLY?

IGCP project proposals, following the latest IGCP report format, may be submitted by individual scientists or by a group of scientists. Find the project proposal form [here](#).

Women, young and early career scientists from developing countries are especially encouraged to apply. Proposals will be ranked taking into account gender equality, geographic distribution of the leaders, project beneficiaries as well as their contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The top multidisciplinary project will receive a Council Award and special funding in 2022

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?



Project proposals may be submitted to the IGCP Secretariat, accompanied by a letter of endorsement (if possible) from at least one of the project leaders' National IGCP Committees.

Project leaders are strongly advised to inform the National Commission for UNESCO and UNESCO Permanent Delegation of their home country of their application.

Applicants from countries, which have a National Committee (NC) for IGCP, must submit their applications to their corresponding NC, at least 3 weeks before final submission date to UNESCO- IGCP Office to allow time for evaluation and revision of the proposals by the applicants if required. For the year 2021, the final submission date to the NCs is fixed for the 22nd of August 2021.

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL, PLEASE USE THE APPLICATION FORM ON OUR WEBSITE

**If you are a scientist wishing to submit a research
proposal of relevance please contact:**

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