



# FIRST CIRCULAR

The Polydisciplinary Faculty of Safi - Cadi Ayyad University (Morocco)

in collaboration with

the African Geoparks Network (AGN)

the African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAWG)

the Organization of African Geological Surveys (OAGS)

organize

the First International Congress on Geodiversity, Geoheritage, Geotourism,  
Geoeducation, Geoparks & Sustainable Development Goals (5G & SDGs)

under the title

“Geoheritage, a new geotouristic niche to explore for an inclusive  
sustainable development”

Safi, Morocco 24 - 28 October 2023

## **PREAMBLE**

The Polydisciplinary Faculty of Safi (Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco) in collaboration with the African Geoparks Network (AGN), the African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAWG) and the Organization of African Geological Surveys (OAGS) organize, from the 24th to 28th October 2023, the first International Congress on Geodiversity, Geoheritage, Geotourism, Geoeducation, Geoparks & Sustainable development Goals (5G & SDGs) to be held in Safi (Morocco). The congress aims to identify, promote, and advise on the importance of geoheritage for sustainable development.

All researchers in the fields of geoheritage, geotourism, geoconservation, environment and sustainable development and geoethics, policy makers, economists, geoparks and local communities administrators and leaders, NGOs, business operators, medias and individuals with interest in geoheritage development are invited to participate.

## **THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE**

Theme 1 - Geoheritage, Geoconservation, Museology & Geoethics.

Theme 2 - Geoheritage, Geotourism, Geoparks & SDGs

Theme 3 - Geoheritage, Geoeducation & Public Communication

Theme 4 - Geodiversity vs Biodiversity and climate change.

Theme 5 - Geoheritage, Heritage stone, Archeology & cultural heritage.

Theme 6 - Role of women and Youth in conservation and valorisation of Geoheritage

Theme 7 - Geoparks and resilience of organizations

Theme 8 - Geoconservation versus legislation and resources policy

Theme 9 - Geoheritage & Diplomacy

## **PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

24 & 25 October 2023: Opening and registration / technical sessions

26 October 2023 : Workshops and roundtables / Visit of Safi city

27 & 28 October 2023: Field trip (Visit to Safi & Youssoufia aspiring geoparks).

## **ORAL AND POSTERS PRESENTATIONS:**

Oral presentations should not exceed 10 minutes followed by 5 minutes discussion. The poster sessions will be scheduled within the program. More details will be given in the second circular.

## **LANGUAGE:**

English, French and Arabic are the official languages for the conference.

## **INSTRUCTION FOR ABSTRACTS:**

Authors are requested to submit their abstracts that will be reproduced in an Abstract Volume to be distributed to the participants. All abstracts should be prepared according to the guidelines given below.

- General guidance

The abstract should not exceed 1 page (500 words). The topic covered should be relevant to the sub-themes of the meeting. The name, address (telephone, fax and e-mail) of the communicating author must be clearly specified. The names of the co-authors should be written in capital letters to allow the distinction from the first names.

- Guidelines of abstract

The abstracts should be laid out in accordance with the main formatting points listed below. A limited amount of re-formatting will be undertaken by the conference secretariat, but submissions that are grossly aberrant will be returned to authors for correction.

\* It must be submitted electronically in MSWORD.

\* The preferred font is TIME; title 14pt / affiliations 12pt / text 10pt, with single line spacing.

\* The text must be typed leaving a 3 cm on the right and 2.5 cm on the top, bottom, and left margins.

\* Headings may be used.

\* Figures and tables may be included and embedded in the text file.

\* Selected references may be included at the end of the extended abstract.

\* For any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact the conference secretariat on its email address [5g.int.congress@gmail.com](mailto:5g.int.congress@gmail.com)

- Submission of the abstract

The abstracts should be sent as an attached file to [5g.int.congress@gmail.com](mailto:5g.int.congress@gmail.com) before the 30th March 2023. The name of the electronic file must include the name of the first author, e.g. lydia.doc.

## **PUBLICATION:**

More details will be provided in the second circular.

## **FIELD TRIP**

Safi & Youssoufia Aspiring Geoparks:

Two days visit to some geosites of Youssoufia and Safi aspiring geoparks. More details will be provided in the second circular.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

⇒ 30 November 2022 : First circular

⇒ 30 March 2023 : Deadline for submission of the registration forms and abstracts.

- ⇒ 30 June 2023 : Acceptance and invitation letters  
⇒ 15 Juillet 2023 : 2nd Circular.  
⇒ 24 - 28 October 2023: Conference/Workshops/ Field trips.

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I am interested in attending the conference:

I will present a communication  Yes  No

Type of the communication :  Oral communication  Poster

Title of the communication: .....

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I will participate to the field trip:  Yes  No

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## **PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZERS**

### **FACULTÉ POLYDISCIPLINAIRE DE SAFI**

The polydisciplinary faculty of Safi (FPS) is a Moroccan Higher Education Public institution, affiliated to Cadi Ayyad University. It is settled in a fascinating seascape in the historical and cultural city of Safi.

Created in 2003, the mission of faculty is to form an intellectual elite through its diversified educational offers and its multidisciplinary scientific research laboratories and structures, not only in the exact sciences, but also in the Human and Social sciences.

Despite its young age compared to other academic institutions of Cadi Ayyad University, the Polydisciplinary Faculty of Safi has great ambitions to fully play its role in local, regional and national human, social and economic development, thanks to its openness and communication with its stakeholders, and also to the improvements and the diversification of its training offers and the promotion of innovation, interdisciplinary approaches and Research & Development to respond to local and regional needs.

To adapt to changes in society and meet the challenges encountered, the faculty adopts a holistic approach where students are at the heart of its concerns. Thus, alongside academic training, the faculty encourages the organization of scientific, cultural and sporting activities and the creation of clubs where students are actors and beneficiaries, allowing them to develop their soft skills and be well-prepared to be integrated in the Marketplace.

Website: <https://www.uca.ma/fps>

Facebook: Faculté Polydisciplinaire de Safi-Maroc

### **AFRICAN GEOPARKS NETWORK (AGN)**

In order to help to improve the situation regarding geoheritage in both Africa and the Middle East, the African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAWG) created the African Geoparks Network (AGN) during the preparatory meeting of its fifth conference entitled “Women and Geosciences for Peace” held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in May 2009. This move proved successful, given widespread support and subsequent adoption of the AGN as an affiliate organization of AAWG.

The aims of AGN include but are not limited to (i) Identifying geosites; (ii) Making an inventory of geosites of outstanding value in Africa and the Middle East; (iii) Creating and maintaining dynamic GIS databases; (iv) Promoting and increasing the awareness amongst policy makers and

the general public in Africa and the Middle East, in particular local communities, about the necessity for the protection and the utilization of geological heritage through the creation of geoparks for local socio-economic sustainable development; and (v) Building the capacity of the local population in the field of geoheritage and geo-conservation through a strong network including the organization of conferences, seminars, symposia, training courses and workshops focusing on the non-professional community. Such a network can also serve as a platform to share ideas, exchange information on experiences, best practices, new developments and trends in geoheritage and related disciplines. The resulting synergies are benefitting sustainable socio-economic development in numerous regions in Africa and Middle East.

*<https://www.facebook.com/groups/africangeoparksnetwork/>*

*<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8298993>*

## **AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN GEOSCIENCES (AAWG)**

During geological meetings, the participation of women geoscientists was noticed and raised as a concern. In order to help to rectify this discrepancy, a decision was taken to form an association in order to encourage women geoscientists to participate in Earth Sciences related conferences and to inform about or become involved in gender issues related to the Earth Sciences. In 1995, the African Association of Women in Geosciences was born in Nairobi, Kenya.

The objectives and purposes for which the Association is constituted are to: Promote the advancement of scientific and technological knowledge in the field of geosciences; Disseminate information on scientific and technical research and discoveries and promote public understanding of the role of geosciences in Africa's development; Establish and maintain relations between African scientists and the international scientific community; Provide a forum for discussion and cooperation in geosciences and other related professions in Africa; Assist African governments in the quest for capacity building in geosciences and its applications; Cooperate with relevant African governments in the formulation of policies and program designed to encourage the development and application of geosciences for Africa's development; Publish and distribute a bulletin and/or other publications in the field of geosciences development in Africa; Organize conferences, seminars, symposia, training courses and workshops in various areas of geosciences; Highlight and seek solutions to problems faced specifically by women and grassroots communities in Africa in the area of geosciences; Encourage and mobilize support for education, training and research in order to assist African women in their acquisition of specialized skills for leadership in geosciences; Identify, promote and advise on the importance and preservation of geological sites in Africa.

**[www.aawg.org](http://www.aawg.org)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/African-Association-of-Women-in-Geosciences-143770972328654/>**

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