

MINUTES: GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ACCRA, GHANA 23-26 SEPTEMBER 2014



Organisation of African Geological Surveys
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MINUTES OF THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS HELD AT THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF GHANA, ACCRA FROM THE 23-26 SEPTEMBER 2013

STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting of the 6th OAGS AGM alongside with the ‘Centenary Anniversary of the Geological Survey of Ghana’ was held according to the programme outlined below:

Monday 23 September 2013

Day One: Excursions

- Delegates together with members of the Geological Survey of Ghana met at M-Plaza Hotel at 07h30 and proceeded on a geological excursion and visited the following sites:
 - Stop One – Bosumtwi crater
 - Stop Two – Lake Bosumtwi

Tuesday 24 September 2013

Day Two: Launching of the Centenary Anniversary of the Geological Survey of Ghana

Morning Session: Presentation by stakeholders

- The Honorable Minister for Lands & Natural Resources - Hon. Alhaji Inusah Fuseini
- The Australian Ambassador H.E. Joanna Adamson in Ghana
- Representative of the OAGS, GIRAF and other organization

Afternoon Session: Presentations by various stakeholders from the Geological Survey of Ghana

- The Stratigraphy of the Voltaian Basin of Ghana – Dr. John Agyei Duodu, Geological Survey of Ghana, Ghana
- Overview of the Bosumtwi Impact Crater of Ghana – Dr. Daniel Boamah, Geological Survey of Ghana, Ghana
- Seismic Activities in Ghana, the way forward and challenges – Mr. Nicholas Opoku, Geological Survey of Ghana, Ghana
- Sharing experience on the establishment of the outer limits of the continent shelf beyond 200 nautical miles – Mr. Lawrence Apaalse, Ghana National Petroleum Corporation, Ghana

Day Two adjourned at 16h30

Wednesday, 25 September 2013

Day Three: OAGS-EGS Workshop and presentation from various stakeholders

Part 1: Preparation

- Background and scope of the meeting – Luca Demicheli, Secretary General, EuroGeoSurvey(EGS)
- Scope for geoscientific research in the African continent and the role of Geological Surveys – Lhacène Bitam, OAGS President
- Introduction to the “Geoscientific knowledge and skills in the African Geological Surveys” Feasibility Study - Marek Graniczny - Technical Coordinator of the Feasibility Study & Izabela Ploch –Technical Coordinator Support, Polish Geological Institute, National Research Institute, Poland
- Presentation of Activity 2: “Activities needed to strengthen OAGS’ Luca Demicheli, EuroGeoSurveys Secretary General
- Presentation of Activity 3: “Gap Analysis of Geoscientific Mapping “Kristine Asch and Markus Toloczki - German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) - Giraf project leaders, Germany
- Presentation of Activity 4: “Mineral Resources Assessment Gap Analysis”- Esko Korkiakoski, Geological Survey of Finland (GTK), Finland
- Presentation of Activity 5: ”Geohazards Mapping and Monitoring and Geoheritage gap analysis” - Jonas Satkunas, Geological Survey of Lithuania (LGT), Lithuania
- Presentation of Activity 6: “Capacity Building and Training Concept- Giuseppe Delmonaco, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, Geological Survey of Italy (ISPRA), Italy

Part 2: Work Organisation - Chairs: Mr. Lhacène Bitam and Mr. Luca Demicheli

- Appointment of OAGS Experts and Coordinators to Co-Chair the Feasibility Study as Activity leaders

Resolution:

1. Activity 1: Coordination “Geoscientific knowledge and skills in the African Geological Surveys” Feasibility Study

Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute (PGI-NRI)

OAGS: President (Namibia) and Vice-President Mozambique

2. Activity 2: “Activities needed to strengthen OAGS”

Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS) and EuroGeoSurveys (EGS)

OAGS: Secretariat (South Africa) and Ivory Coast

3. Activity 3: “Gap Analysis of Geoscientific Mapping“

Czech Geological Survey (CGS) and BRGM (France) with the contribution of the Giraf Network

OAGS: Namibia and Senegal

4. Activity 4: “Mineral Resources Assessment Gap Analysis”

Geological Survey of Finland (GTK), GeoZS (Slovenia), GEUS (Denmark) and SGU (Sweden)

OAGS: Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast and South Africa (IGC)

5. Activity 5: "Geohazards Mapping and Monitoring and Geoheritage gap analysis"

Geological Survey of Lithuania (LGT), IGME (Spain) and ISPRA (Italy)

OAGS: Algeria, Mozambique and South Africa

6. Activity 6: "Capacity Building and Training Concept"

Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - Geological Survey of Italy (ISPRA), BRGM (France), CGS (Czech Republic)

OAGS: Niger and Botswana

- Review of the roadmap and distribution of tasks to the OAGS members

Resolution: The roadmap and distribution of tasks had been approved by the OAGS members who had been present. The OAGS requested that questionnaires be circulated for input and corrections before it is completed by Geological Surveys in Africa

Day Three adjourned at 16h30

Thursday, 26 September 2013

Day Four – Annual General Meeting of the Organization of Geological Surveys

Annual General Meeting of the Organization of African Geological Surveys

The minutes below detail the OAGS AGM of the 26 September 2013

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OAGS

1. WELCOME AND CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chairman, Mr. Bitam, welcomed all delegates present and outlined the agenda and its progression throughout the meeting. The agenda was accepted by OAGS members namely Niger, Algeria, Senegal, Namibia, Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana, South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique and Nigeria whilst observers acknowledged the agenda.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. L Bitam delivered a presentation detailing the OAGS meeting which was held in 5th OAGS AGM, Niamey, Niger. Mr. M Kota (South Africa) clarified that the Council for Geoscience is the Secretary General and not an individual. The minute had been accepted as a true reflection of the meeting with minor changes.

PRESENTATIONS

3. ANNUAL REPORT ON OAGS PROJECTS

OAGS projects had been presented to participants through a PowerPoint slides and thereafter be made available on the OAGS website.

3.1. Role of Geological Surveys in Supporting Small-Scale Mining (SSM) – Ghana and Nigeria

A detailed report from the Geological Survey of Ghana and Nigeria was presented at the meeting by Mr. Thomas Kwasi Adu, outlining the outcomes on research done for small scale mining.

Resolution: Geological Survey of Ghana and Nigeria to submit a final report on Small Scale Mining by 30 October 2013 to the OAGS Secretariat.

3.2. Atlas of African Geosites- Algeria

A detailed report from the Geological Survey of Algeria was presented by Mr. Cherigui Amar. He stated that the Atlas of Africa Geosites once completed will assist in raising funds for the OAGS. The Geological Survey of Algeria is to submit the work that has currently been done for the Atlas of Africa Geosites to the IGC Committee for a collaboration on the publication of the atlas of African Geosites.

Resolution: OAGS should look at collaborating with 35th IGC for the publication of the atlas. A formal proposal from the OAGS should be submitted to the IGC Committee for a collaboration on the publication of the atlas of African Geosites.

3.3. African Seismic Commission – Vunganai Midzi

Mr. Vunganai Midzi reported on the role of the African Seismic Commission. The main goal of the Seismic Commission will be to promote research and training in Seismology in the African continent.

3.4. Seismotectonic Map of Africa – Mr Mohammed El Gabry

A detailed report was presented by Mr. Mohammed El Gabry who informed all the attendees that the first draft of the Seismotectonic Map of Africa will ready by 31 December 2013.

Resolution: Mr. Mohammed El Gabry to provide the first draft of the Seismotectonic Map of Africa to the OAGS when completed.

3.5. 35TH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS PRESENTATION – Mr M Kota South Africa

A detailed report was presented by Mr. Mxolisi Kota on the role and the agenda of the 35th IGC. Mr Kota stated that assistance is required from all African countries as the 35th IGC is an African initiative. Assistance will be required in all forms and especially with Geosite visits in different African countries (Appendix A).

Resolution: All African countries are invited to assist with the 35th IGC. Countries who wish to assist should contact Dr. Gabi Schneider (OAGS President) or Mr. Danie Bernardo (35th IGC Secretariat)

3.6. OAGS General Meeting 2014

The Geological Survey of Mozambique tendered its candidacy for the hosting the 2014 OAGS General Meeting and if not available the meeting should be held in Botswana.

Resolution: OAGS General Meetings should be held between the months of 1 October – 30 November. The host country will thereafter confirm meeting dates within that framework.

3.7. Election of OAGS Excom Members

The current OAGS President Algeria (Mr. L Bitam) and Vice-Presidents Ghana (Mr. J Duodu), Namibia (Dr. G Schneider) stepped down after serving their 3 year term.

The Committee welcomed the newly elected President of the OAGS Namibia (Dr. G Schneider) and Vice-President Mozambique (Mr. A Servano) and Niger (Mr. A Hassane)

4. OAGS –EGS Feasibility Study

The EuroGeosurvey has invited the OAGS Excom members to attend the 36th EuroGeoSurveys General Meeting to be held in Brussels.

5. OAGS Projects

A matter had been raised by committee members that the OAGS take on other projects.

Resolution: It had been agreed that the OAGS will not take on any new project and will concentrate fully on it its 3 current projects.

7. CLOSURE

The Chairperson, Mr. L Bitam, thanked all members for their participation and support of the meeting, issuing a special thanks to Mr. John Duodu as the host, and to the translators for their assistance in the success of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 15h30

APPROVED BY CHAIRPERSON: SIGNATURE:

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