



MINUTES OF THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS HELD AT THE CAPETONIAN HOTEL, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA ON THE 6TH OF FEBRUARY 2008

A mini conference was held prior to the annual general meeting.

The following presentations were made.

- Funding opportunities for Geological Infrastructure – Mr Gotthard Walser, World Bank
- Towards a policy framework for EU mineral Resources Supply – new opportunities for the African Mineral Resources Industry – Dr Patrice Christmann, Euro Geo Surveys
- Projects for Africa by Africa – Prof. Paul Dirks, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- Africa Earth Observatory network and Beyond – Prof Martin de Wit, University of Cape Town

Progress on the OAGS current projects was reported on.

African input into the Geological Map of the World – Namibia and South Africa.

A short presentation on this was given. It was agreed that further information can be obtained on the one geology website (<http://www.onegeology.org>). The OAGS will supply the compilers of the Geological Map of the world with 1: 5 000 000 map of the SADC region.

Geological Information for Small-scale mining – Ghana and Nigeria

A presentation was made. It was agreed that a framework for information requirements will be developed in the next 3 months. The framework should include marketing, training and beneficiation issues. The framework will be available on the OAGS website and will be available for population by member states. Nigeria and Ghana will then prepare a summary document for presentation at the next meeting.

Role of Geological Surveys in the Development of Africa

A presentation was given by Mr Magnus Ericsson of the Raw Materials Group. It was noted that these are preliminary findings based on 2 months' work and co-operation was sought from the member countries to supply information to make the project a success. Raw Materials Group will be contacting various member countries in the coming months.

1. WELCOME

Mr Ramontja welcomed all delegates present. He mentioned that the issue of communication should be addressed. Not everybody received programs and the documentation.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true reflection of discussions on the day.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

The logo was amended accordingly. It was noted that the agreed upon date for the OAGS was changed in consultation with a number of executive committee members.

4. ANNUAL REPORT ON OAGS ACTIVITIES

The chairperson gave a brief overview on OAGS activities in 2007. The OAGS was launched in February 2007. The logo was developed. The constitution was compiled, translated in Portuguese and French and circulated for comments. Three projects were identified:

- African input into the Geological Map of the World – Namibia and South Africa
- Geological Information for Small-scale mining – Ghana and Nigeria
- Role of Geological Surveys in the development of Africa – South Africa

Progress on these projects was reported on.

The following impediments were identified:

- Lack of resources – this is a serious problem.
- Communication – this is also a huge problem.

5. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE OAGS CONSTITUTION

The following amendments to the OAGS constitution were approved:

- On page 3, article 9.1 should read 2 vice presidents.
- On page 3, article 9.2 & 9.4 it states that members of the Executive Committee will be elected for a period of 2 years, though it was agreed at the 2007 OAGS meeting that the term should be for 3 years. The term will be changed to 3 years.
- On page 4, article 13, Portuguese should be included as one of the working languages of the OAGS so as to be in line with the AMP.
- The constitution should include a section dealing with Funding. A sentence to the effect that Funding of activities should be a shared responsibility by all members to support the OAGS should be included in the constitution
- Provision should be made in the constitution for Partnerships. Partners include academic institutions, geological surveys in other continents etc.

It was suggested that the Constitution be adopted at the next meeting, which will take place in 2009. The next 2 months should be used for proposing further amendments. The constitution will be circulated to members not present at this meeting for their input.

After 2 months the amended constitution will be sent to member countries to liaise with their principals. A deadline for adoption of the constitution is the 2009 Annual General meeting.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Due to the fact that the OAGS is still in its infancy it was decided that the current executive committee runs for another 2 years. Representatives should be identified for East Africa and Central Africa.

7. ACTION PROGRAMME FOR 2008

Role of Geological Surveys in Africa's development project will continue and it is envisaged that it will be completed in December 2008.

Small-scale Mining – continue – member states should provide input in accordance with the proposed framework.

It was decided that no new projects will be initiated until the current projects are finalized.

Algeria offered to co-ordinate a publication on OAGS activities and key activities of member countries. It was agreed that each survey will write a short report for input into the publication. The deadline for the publication is 2009.

Algeria proposed to host an African stratigraphy conference in 2010. Preparations for this need to start now.

8. GENERAL

Communication

- The secretariat will create an OAGS website
- Each member state has to appoint a contact person for OAGS activities.
- The onus is on the member states to update these details in case of changes.
- It was suggested that each member state writes a small report, which gives a brief status of their Geological Survey activities for posting on the website.

Invitations to attend meetings

- The Euro Geological Survey invited one member of the OAGS to the Directors Workshop on the 14th & 15th of February in Brussels. This workshop focuses on capacities issues.
- There was also an invitation to members to a EuroGeoSurveys general meeting in October in Rome, Italy. The OAGS will only have observer status at this meeting.

It was decided that the OAGS will be represented by the President at both these meetings

- An invitation to the one geology meeting that will be held during the International Geological Congress in Oslo, Norway was made. The congress will take place from the 6th to the 14th August 2008.

It was agreed that the OAGS will be represented by Namibia.

Partnerships

- A suggestion was made to forge partnerships with Universities world-wide and other relevant institutions in undertaking the activities of the OAGS.

9. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OAGS

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that for now the next OAGS meeting be held on the day after the AMP meeting and the day before the Mining Indaba.

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on the Sunday after the AMP meeting in February 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Chairperson undertook to liaise with the AMP secretariat to include this meeting in the AMP invitations.

10. ATTENDANCE LIST

Delegate	Organisation
1. Gotthard Walser	The World Bank
2. Dr. Thomas Kwasi Adu	Geological Survey Department of Ghana
3. Prof (Dr) Abdulkarim H. Mruma (Vice-President)	Geological Survey of Tanzania
4. Mr John Agyei Duodu	Geological Survey Department, Ghana
5. Mr Adriano Silvestre Senvano	Direccao National Geological, Maputo Mozambique
6. Dr Moussa Sylla	Geological Survey of Senegal
7. Mr Temba M. Hawadi	Geological Survey of Zimbabwe
8. Dr Patrice Christmann	The Association of the Geological Surveys of the European Union
9. Mr Ousmane CISSE	Ministry of Mines and Industry, Senegal
10. Dr Siyan Malommo	Geological Survey of Nigeria
11. Prof Paul Dirks	University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
12. Prof M. de Wit	University of Cape Town, South Africa
13. Dr Gaby Schneider (SADC representative)	Geological Survey of Namibia
14. Mr Jonasy Ramarolahy	PRGM, Madagascar
15. Mr Dominique Rakotomanana	PRGM, Madagascar
16. Mr Magnus Ericsson	Raw Material Group. Sweden
17. Mr Thibedi Ramontja (President and Secteratriat)	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
18. Mr Fhatuwani Ramagwede	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
19. Dr Peter Zawada	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
20. Dr Frik Hartzler	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
21. Mr Martin Lekotoko	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
22. Mr Victor Mothetha	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
23. Ms Mpumi Msezane	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
24. Ms Juanita van Wyk	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
25. Ms Nthombi Jacha	Council for Geoscience, South Africa
26. Mr Lojomon Biwott	Ministry of Mines and Natural Resources, Kenya
27. Mr L. Bitam	ANGCM, Algeria
28. Mr M. Bendali	ANGCM, Algeria

11. CLOSURE

The Chairperson, Mr Ramontja thanked all members for their participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 13H15.