



## PANAFGEO

### THE FIRST PANAFGEO TRAINING, MINERALS RESOURCES ASSESSMENT, HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

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The ambitious training programme of the PanAfGeo project is now a reality. The first training of “Work Package 2 – **Mineral Resources Assessment**” was held from 5 to 16 June 2017 in Windhoek, Namibia.

After 2 weeks of intensive training, 20 geologists coming from nine African countries have increased their understanding of mineral deposits (metal and non-metal), mineral resources assessment, promotion of mineral potential of a country, and the international mining industry.

In particular, the trainees have comprehensive understanding on how mineral deposits form, the principles of mineral resources assessment and the most advanced mineral exploration methods, as well as the most significant mineral policy issues for a country. The very close relationship between these is probably the most important issue that the trainees have gained good understanding of. It is essential, that the trainees can now bring back and share this knowledge and understanding in their home countries, within Geological Surveys and Mining Ministries, to help their countries in creating more sustainable mineral-based economies in future.

Training included lectures and exercises in interactive workshops. Between the classroom work, an excursion to marble and pegmatite quarries near the town of Karibib was organised by the Geological Survey of Namibia (GSN). The deposits, mining methods seen, and the trade of the commodities from the deposits were extensively discussed during and after the excursion, effectively transferring and sharing knowledge between the trainers and the trainees as well as between the trainees.

The feedback from the trainees shows that they were very content with the course: how it was technically organised and what they learnt. The trainees were also happy getting to know colleagues from other geological surveys in Africa; also a full day seminar with the trainees presenting their own projects proved to be both interesting and useful.

Trainers in the course were Dr Pasi Eilu and Dr Hannu Makkonen from Geological Survey of Finland (GTK), and Dr Vickey Do Cabo, Mr Aphary Muyongo and Mr Michael Hambodi from Geological Survey of Namibia (GSN).

Remarkable commitment and support to WP2 by the GSN staff and the Deputy Co-leader, Dr Vickey DoCabo, together with her and the colleagues' excellent knowledge of the local geology and minerals, made this a successful PanAfGeo training session. The GSN also arranged a visit to two locally significant mineral processing facilities in Windhoek, the Diamond Cutting and Polishing Plants and Namcore.

Training in the PanAfGeo WP2 is coordinated by the WP2 Leader Riitta Teerilahti from GTK, the Co-leader Abdulrazaq Garba from NGS (Nigeria) and the WP2 Deputy Co-Leader Vickey Do Cabo from GSN.

On the occasion of this first training session, nearly 80 applications were received, highlighting a deep interest in the subject and a need to increase such skills. In total, PanAfGeo WP2 will organise seven training sessions in “Mineral Resources Assessment” across Africa during 2017-2019. These will be held in English and French, possibly also in Portuguese. The second training session will take place in Nigeria in November 2017 and the third in Cameroon early 2018 (in French).



“PanAfGeo” for “Pan-African Support to the EuroGeoSurveys-Organisation of African Geological Surveys (EGS-OAGS) Partnership” is a project which supports the training of geoscientific staff from African Geological Surveys through the development of several training programme.

This 3-year (2017-2019) Pan-African cooperation programme provides about 50 training sessions for some 1,200 geologists coming from 54 African countries. This programme of 10.3 million euros is co-funded by the European Union through its Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), and a Consortium of 12 European Geological Surveys led by BRGM-French Geological Survey.

This Programme allows trainees to acquire a state-of-the-art tool kit and methods on eight geoscientific domains: Geoscientific Mapping, Mineral Resources Assessment, Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining, Environmental management of mines, Geohazards, Geoheritage, Geoinformation management, and Communication and Promotion.

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