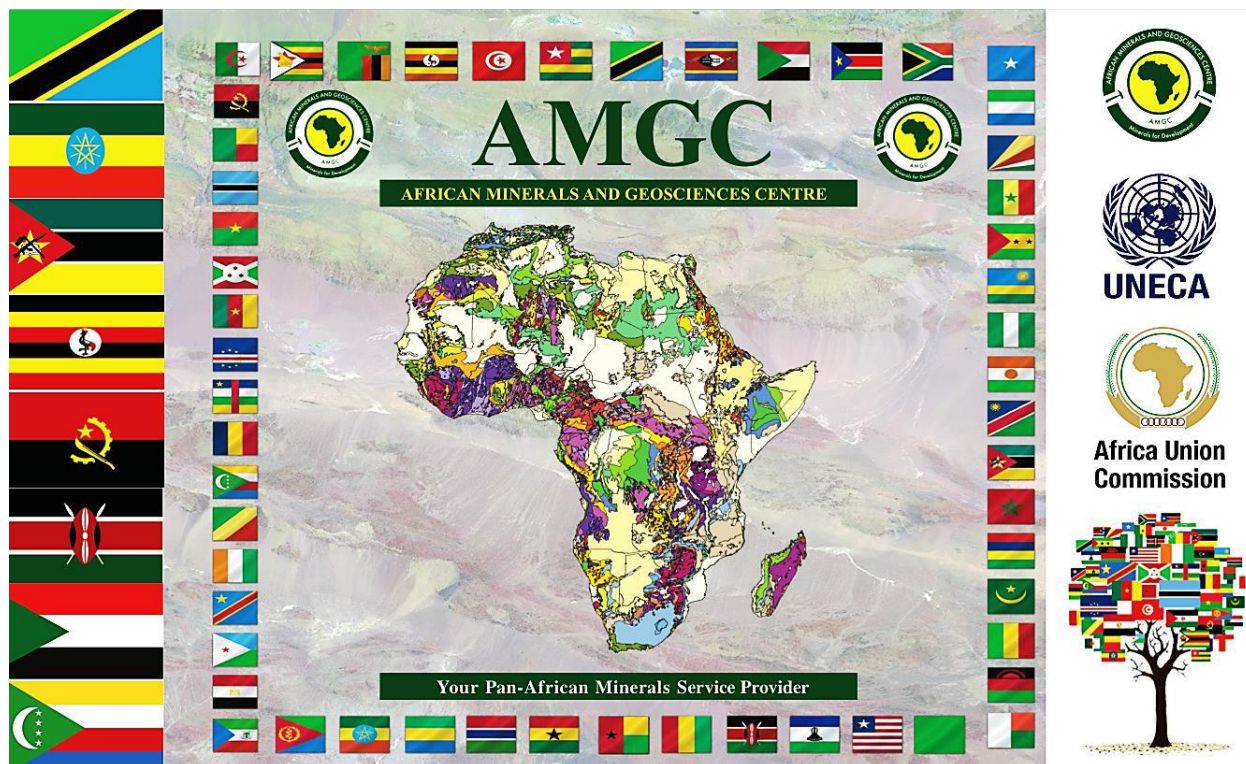


AMGC News

Director General's Message



As all of our readers are aware, the activities of the African Minerals and Geosciences Centre (AMGC) are focused on chemical-environmental analyses, industrial minerals (Development Minerals) application, gemstones identification-value addition, artisanal-small scale Mining (ASM), minerals processing and capacity building through short training courses in various geosciences fields. The global pandemic of COVID-19 has disrupted our activities and we had to cancel all our scheduled training courses since the Month of March 2020, due to travel restrictions and prevention of the spread of the virus. Hence, the month of May was not different from the previous month with an exceptionally low level of our core activities at the Centre. Not been able to predict when we shall be able to come to the normalcy from the current situation, we initiated the development of online/distance learning programs for the training courses which can be provided virtually through internet. Currently we are searching for the appropriate technologies and facilities available for this method and we are planning to start such programs in the coming months. We wish all our readers to keep safe and well and we hope we shall overcome this challenge facing the entire mankind and prevail with success.



MISSIONS, WORKSHOP, VISITS & GUESTS OF THE CENTRE

1.1. Invited and sponsored by AUC, the Director General participated in the Business Plan Review Meeting for the Africa Minerals Development Centre (AMDC) held in Douala, Cameroon during 5 – 7 August 2019.



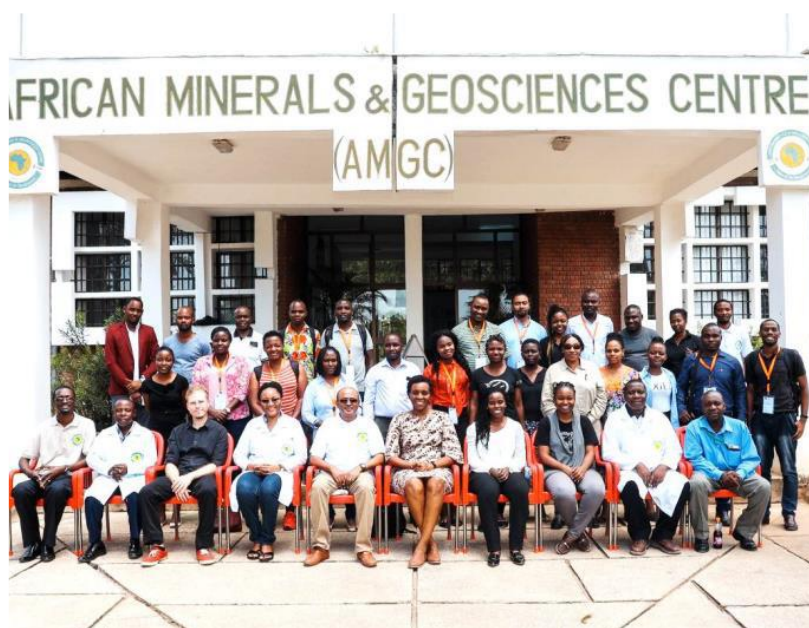
1.2 A meeting with H.E. Dr. Abas Al Sheikh, the Acting Minister of Minerals of the Sudan on 24 August 2019 to express appreciation and gratitude to the sustainable support by Sudan to the Centre. The meeting was attended by top official of the Ministry including Mr. Jamal Alfath, the Acting Director General of the Geological Research Authority of the Sudan (GRAS) and Ms. Sawsan Ahmed, the Desk Officer of AMGC at the Ministry of Minerals, Sudan.

1.3 A meeting with a Russian delegation led by the Deputy Director of International Project Department of the Russian State Geological Holding (ROS GEO) on a their visit to Sudan. The meeting discussed opportunities of technical cooperation and support of Russia to AMGC.





1.4 A courtesy visit to Ms Enatfenta Melaku Gebre, the newly appointed Director General of the Geological Survey of Ethiopia (GSE) who chairs the AMGC Board of Directors. AMGC Director General briefed about recent challenges and development at AMGC and the meeting was attended by Mr. Hundie Melka Yadete, the Chief Geologist of GSE.



1.5 Twenty eight Workshop participants from Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) visited the African Minerals and Geosciences Centre (AMGC) on 30th August 2019 to learn on mineral value chain in practice and have a practical overview of mineral beneficiation. The workshop titled "How best can Tanzania harness natural resources for the realization of its development goals" was organized by REPOA in collaboration with the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) from 26th August to 30th August 2019.

1.6 The Centre received a number of officials from BMZ, GIZ, BGR, and BGR-ICGLR regarding various issues of AFP Lab hosted by AMGC.

8.6.1 Dr. Andre Ufer, an independent extractive industries advisor visited the Centre contracted by the German Ministry of International Cooperation (BMZ) and German Development Cooperation (GIZ) to conduct an assessment on sustainable mineral supply chains in the Great Lakes Region and the current AFP project supported by the German government.



1.6.2 On 18th September 2019, Dr. Hans-Eike Gäbler from BGR visited the Centre as part of routine inspection of the AFP Laboratory and its equipment as well as assessment of training of AMGC staff working at the AFP Lab and also briefed on upcoming evaluation of the present regional BGR project including support extended to AMGC.



1.6.3 AMGC Director General had a meeting with consultant Dr. Felix Hruschka from BGR headquarters, Hanover and Dr. Rudolf Mauer, Project Manager of BGR- ICGLR. The meeting was on the Analytical Finger Printing (AFP) Project hosted by AMGC. The German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funding the BGR- ICGLR project has mandated BGR to evaluate the present project phase ending 2019. It is an exercise to establish progress and deficiencies during project implementation since 2017 and provide recommendations for adjustment to improve performance on planned project extension 2020

1.7 Invited and sponsored by ICGLR-BGR participation in 19th Meeting of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Regional Committee against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources (RINR) Bujumbura, during Burundi 1st - 4th October 2019. The Director General of AMGC delivered a power point presentation entitled: *The Tripartite Collaboration between ICGLR, BGR and AMGC in Establishment of the Analytical Fingerprint (AFP) Laboratory for Analysis of Conflict Minerals in the Great Lakes Region, Africa.*



1.8 A courtesy visit on 7th October 2019 to the Directorate of Geological Survey (DGS), Kenya. Mr. Thomas Ndola, the Director of the DGS and who is the representative of Kenya in the AMGC's Board of Directors received the Director General of AMGC. The meeting was attended by Mr. Josephat Wanjogu, who is the Desk Officer of AMGC in the Ministry of Petroleum & Mining, Kenya.

1.9 Participation on Validation Meeting of AMDC Institutional Business Plan, Kigali, Rwanda on during 8th – 10th October 2019 Invited and sponsored by AUC.

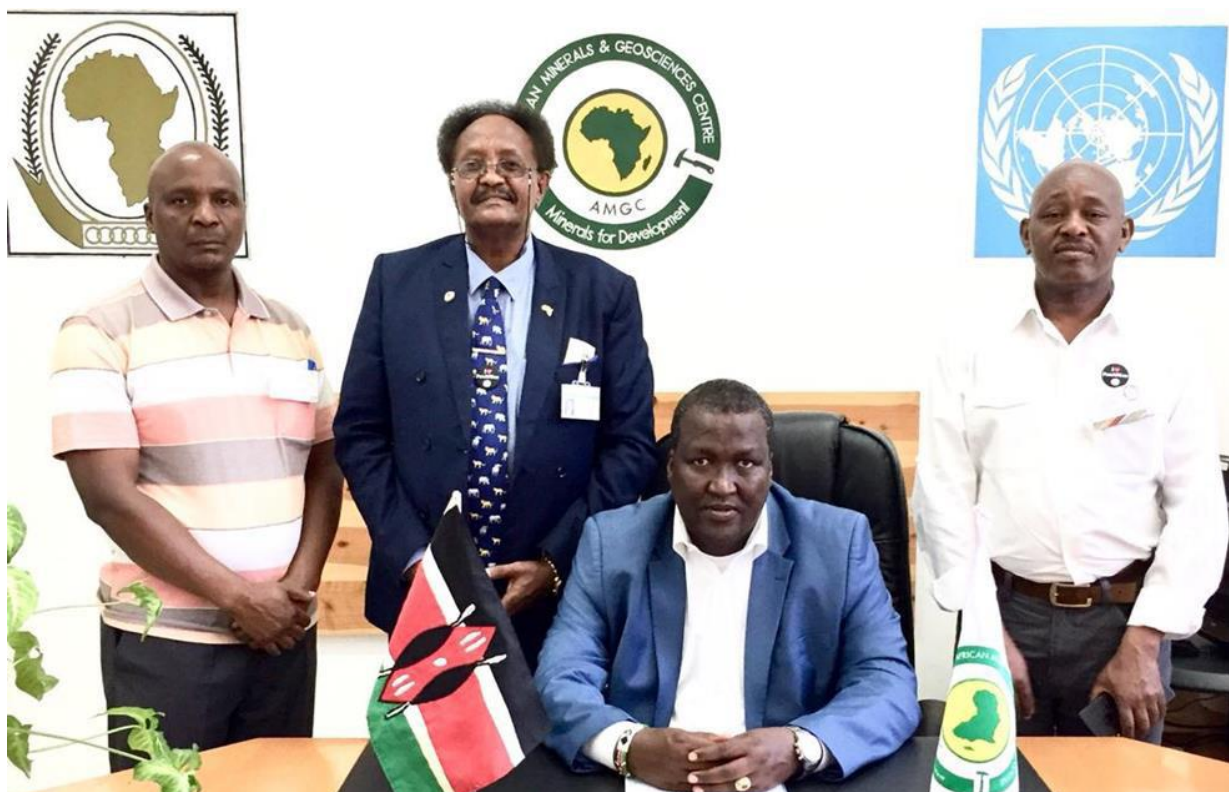




1.10 Mr. Omer Yussuf, The Director of Minerals at the Ministry of Energy and Minerals of the Republic of Somaliland, visited AMGC on 15th October 2019. The Director was interested in some of the courses offered by AMGC, and would like to send geologists for training.

1.11 AMGC co-organized with PanAfGeo Project the Final Meeting of the Geoscientific Knowledge and Skills in African Geological Surveys during 24th to 25th of October 2019 at Bahari Beach Hotel & Resort in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Two Honorable Ministers responsible for minerals in Tanzania and Kenya were the guests of honor. 70 people attended the meeting, representing the project main contributors, OAGS Executive Committee members, stakeholders (e.g. African Union, UNDP, World Bank) and representatives of Geological Surveys in Africa and the European Union.





1.12 Hon. John Munyes Kiyong'a, the Cabinet Secretary of Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, Kenya and the Chairman of the Governing Council of African Minerals & Geosciences Centre (AMGC) paid a familiarize visit to the Centre on 25th October 2019. The Hon. Minister Munyes was accompanied by two top officials who are Mr. Thomas Ndola, the Director of Geological Survey, who is representing Kenya in AMGC's Board of Directors and Mr. Josphat Wanjogu, the AMGC's Desk Officer at the Ministry, the State Department of Mining, Kenya.



1.13 Twenty five participants of the Final meeting of the PanAfGeo Project paid a familiarize visit to the African Minerals & Geosciences Centre (AMGC) in Kunduchi Beach Area, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Among the distinguished visitors were the President of Geological Society of Africa (GSAf), President of Organization of African Geological Surveys (OAGS) and President of African Women in Geosciences (AWG).



1.14 A courtesy visit was paid to H.E. Ambassador Joseph Yonas, the Ethiopian Ambassador in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Director General of AMGC expressed congratulations to the people and Government lead by the Prime Minister, H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed on winning the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize, H.E. Ambassador Joseph Yonas expressed his gratitude to AMGC and ensure the sustainable support by Ethiopia, the AMGC's member state to the Centre.



1.15 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad attended invitation of Ethiopian Embassy in Tanzania to a reception celebrating the victory of Ethiopia and Africa in Adwa battle. The celebration held at Serena Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

1.16 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Dr. Ahamada El Badaoui Mohamed Fakih, the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Comoros in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Director General briefed H.E. Ambassador about recent developments and challenges in the Centre and also expressed his request to initiate a new round for activation of Comoros membership and fulfil its financial commitment to the Centre.



1.17 Consequently H.E. the Ambassador of Comoros in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania facilitated a familiarize visit to AMGC by H.E. Houmed M'Saidie, Minister of Economy, Planning, Energy, Tourism, Investments, and Land Affairs including Petroleum-Mining of the Union of Comoros. The familiarize visit to AMGC was followed by H.E. the Minister meeting with the Director General of AMGC attended by H.E. the Comoros Extraordinary and Planetary Ambassador in Tanzania. H.E. the Minister expressed the interest of Comoros to reinforce its membership to AMGC through sustainable subscriptions and beneficiations from the mineral services provided by the Centre.



1.18 Furthermore on February 27, 2020, AMGC received Mr. ASSINADI ANLI, Director General of Geological Bureau of Comoros. While at the Centre, he visited all the departments and got in-depth explanation on various services offered by AMGC including mineral testing, training, consultancy, research and value addition for industrial minerals and gemstone.



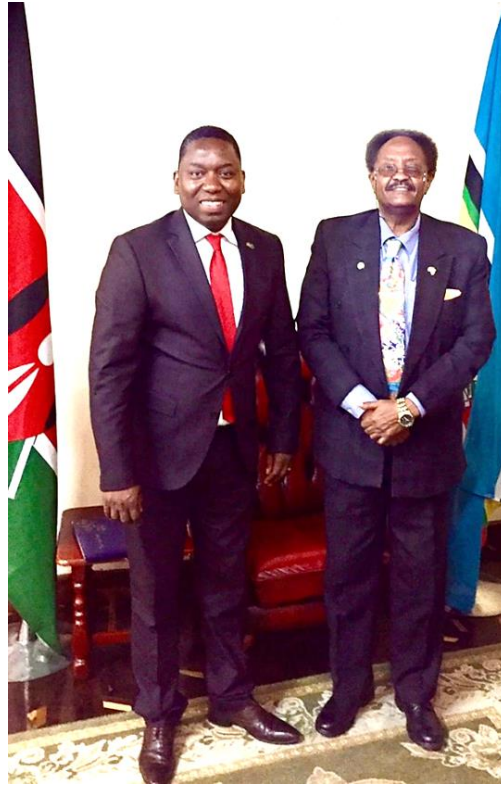


1.19 Mission to the African Forum in Accra, Ghana from, 13th – 15th November 2019

Invited and sponsored by AUC the Director General of AMGC participated in the first ever Africa Forum on Mining, organized by African Union Commission in partnership with our strategic partners (UNDP, UNECA, AfDB, IGF/IISD and CONNEX) in Accra, Ghana. This inaugural Forum has been organized exactly ten years since the African Heads of States adopted the African Union's African Mining Vision. In this vision, the mineral endowments were recognized as a key driver structural transformation, industrialization and sustained growth. The role of the African Minerals and Geosciences Centre (AMGC) is recognized as one of the pillars for implementation of the African Mining Vision (AMV). Key participants underscored the need for a collaboration by signing a MoU between AMGC and the African Natural Resources Centre, which is based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire).

1.20 Leppänen, Finnish Counsellor responsible for natural resources including minerals from the Embassy of Finland in Dar es Salaam accompanied by his wife visited the Centre to familiarise with the mineral services provided by AMGC to the mining sector and geosciences community in Africa.





1.21 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Mr. Dan Kazungu, the Kenyan High Commissioner to Tanzania for briefing amongst others, the developments of AMGC as a Pan-African Centre of excellence serving mining sector in African states as well as the Geosciences Community in Africa. AMGC recognizes H.E. Mr. Kazungu leadership and able guidance which enabled the Centre to implement its activities successfully during his tenure as a former Cabinet Minister for the Ministry of Petroleum & Mining of Kenya. Assuring the continued cooperation with Kenya, the member state of the AMGC, the Centre is currently under the leadership of Honorable John Munyes Kiyong'a, the Cabinet Minister for the Ministry of Petroleum & Mining of Kenya, as well as Chairman of the Ministerial Governing Council of AMGC.

1.22 On 12th December 2019, the Director General had attended the Kenya's 56th Anniversary of Independence, and had a chance to meet H.E. the High Commissioner of Kenya in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.



1.23 On 16th January 2020 AMGC was honored by a courtesy visit from Dr. Abdelbagi Gailani, the chairman and CEO of Redeena Engineering Co. Ltd. Dr. Gailani was a former Minister of Minerals in Sudan and who made the decision that Sudan to join AMGC in 2010. Dr. Gailani in his visit to AMGC was accompanied by Dr. Faris Hayder the Sudanese businessman.



1.24 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad participated in Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on the Model for the construction of an African Geological and Mineral Regional Geospatial Database and GIS infrastructure. The meeting was held at headquarter of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 23 January 2020.



1.25 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Hussein Hassan, the Acting Director of Department of Trade and Industry including Mining as well as Head of Industry African Union Commission (AUC). Dr. Hussien Hasan is the newly assigned Representative of AUC in the Policy Organs of the African Minerals & Geosciences Centre (AMGC). The meeting was attended by Mr. Paul Msoma, the Economic Affairs Officer Mineral Sector Governance. The meeting discussed enhancement of the working relationship between AUC and AMGC.



1.26 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad paid a courtesy visit to the Geological Survey of Ethiopia (GSE) and met Mr. Hundie Melka Yadete, the Chief Geologist and Acting Director General of GSE during the absence of Ms Enatfenta Melaku Gebre, the Director General of GSE. The Director General of the African Minerals & Geosciences Centre (AMGC) briefed Mr. Hundie regarding current challenges and developments in AMGC.



1.27 On 5th February 2020, the Centre was honored by a courtesy visit from H.E. the newly assigned German Ambassador to Tanzania Mrs. Regine Hess, who familiarized herself with the spectrum of mineral services provided by the AMGC including the services of the Analytical Finger Printing (AFP) Laboratory for analysis of conflict Minerals in the African Great Lakes Region.



1.28 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad paid a courtesy visit to Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development of Uganda on 5th February 2020. Mr. Shaddad met Excellences Hon. Dr. Kitutu Kimono, the Cabinet Minister and Hon. Sara A. Opendi, State Minister. The meeting was attended by Mr. Baguma Zachary, the Director General of Geological Survey of Uganda. Consequently Uganda paid arrears of two years.



1.29 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad participated in the 15th meeting of the ICGLR Audit Committee during 4-7 February 2020 in Kampala, Uganda.



1.30 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad Participated in the 5th Annual Sudan International Mining Business Forum & Exhibition (SIMFE 2020) held from 18th to 20th February 2020 in Khartoum, SUDAN. The Director General of AMGC was honoured by H.E. Prof. Tawer, the member of the Sovereign Council of the Government of Sudan.





1.31 AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad paid a courtesy visit to the Geological Research Authority of Sudan (GRAS).

8.32 Participation in the Tanzania Mineral and Mining Investment Conference 2020

The Centre participated in the Tanzania Mineral and Mining Investment Conference: *Sustainable Investment and Partnership* conducted at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC), Dar es Salaam, from 22-23 February 2020. The conference was hosted by the Ministry of Minerals in Tanzania. The Centre was represented by four (04) Staff and they conducted exhibition to display products, value addition and services offered and also participating in the conference discussions.



1.33 On 11th March 2020, AMGC received Prof. Said Vuai the principal College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences and Dr Ambrose T. Kessy Director of Publications & Consultancy both from University of Dodoma. They visited AMGC laboratories and got an in depth explanation on how the laboratories are running including the laboratory management policies.

