

THE PANAFGEO PROJECT AT THE PDAC CONVENTION 2022

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The annual Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) is the premier event of the world's mineral exploration and mining industry. PDAC focuses on driving a sustainable, competitive and responsible exploration and mining sector, bringing together mining executives, geologists, government officials, investors, analysts, and students from around the globe. The 90th PDAC took place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from June 13th-15th. The 17,000 attendees, 1,100 exhibitors and 2,400 investors took part in exhibits, events, and programming.

The online convention platform will be open from June 28th - 29th and is available 24 hours a day, providing access to exhibits, sessions, entertainment, and networking platforms.

PanAfGeo at the PDAC 2022

The PanAfGeo Project was represented at the EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) stand in the European Commission's booth. The European Commission booth also hosted European Commission initiatives and representatives such as the European Raw Materials Alliance and EIT Raw Materials, projects from H2020 (the European Union (EU) research programme for research and innovation) and EU member states.

Throughout the PDAC Convention, EGS promoted the PanAfGeo Project by providing informative discussions on the scientific training sessions conducted in the different geoscientific domains and, in particular, training sessions in mineral resource assessment. There was also the Mine African Pavilion that provided networking opportunities throughout the convention. Other related events also focused on the African mining industry.

"PDAC provides another great opportunity for strengthening our Africa-EU partnership through PanAfGeo," said Julie Hollis, Secretary General of EuroGeoSurveys, after meeting with Dr David Khoza, Executive Manager of the Council for Geoscience (South Africa) and Secretariat Representative of the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS).



Background Message from EU

The need for, and diversification of, non-energy raw materials is increasing due to the move to a carbon neutral and digital economy. This has stimulated growth in raw materials used in the EU's manufacturing industry. To achieve a secure, sustainable, responsible, and affordable supply, the EU is taking actions under the [Raw Materials Initiative \(RMI\)](#), the [European Green Deal](#) and [RePowerEU](#).

This year at PDAC, the EU focused on key issues such as sustainable global mining, promotion of the EU's advancing exploration and mining techniques, EU investment opportunities in the mining and associated sectors, opportunities for research in the EU and securing EU sustainable raw material supply chains for the industry.

PanAfGeo Project

PanAfGeo is an EU co-funded initiative that began in 2016 and is supported by the European Union and the African Union through the Africa-EU Partnership. The project allows trainees to acquire state-of-the-art tools, methods and experienced knowledge in 8 geoscientific skills. The project supports the training of geoscientific staff from African Geological Surveys through a diversity of innovative training methods.

A brochure outlining the aims and plans for PanAfGeo-2 can be found [here](#).

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