

## Call for Applications for PanAfGeo-2 Training Session

### Training “WP H – Communication, Dissemination and Dialogue”

#### 1. MAIN CONTEXT OF PANAFGEO

“PanAfGeo” for “Pan-African Support to Geological Sciences and Technology Africa-EU Partnership”, is a project which supports the training of geoscientific staff from African Geological Surveys through the development of an innovative training programme that includes the acquisition and development of important professional skills that complement their qualifications and technical skills. The training programme is implemented by world-class geoscientific experts coming both from African and European Geological Surveys. PanAfGeo-2 is a continuation of the well-established PanAfGeo Project.

PanAfGeo is co-funded by the European Commission (Directorate-General for International Partnerships) and by a Consortium of eleven European Geological Surveys coordinated by the French Geological Survey (BRGM).

This programme allows trainees to acquire a state-of-the-art tool kit that contains methods and/or field work from eight geoscientific domains:

- WP-A – Geoscientific Mapping
- WP-B – Mineral Resources Assessment
- WP-C – Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining
- WP-D – New frontiers in Geosciences (Geoheritage and Geothermal energy)
- WP-E – Geohazards & Environmental Management of mine
- WP-F – Georesources Governance & OAGS/GSOs Institutional Strengthening
- WP-G – Geoscientific Information Management
- **WP-H – Communication, Dissemination and Dialogue**

One of the overall objectives and impacts of PanAfGeo is to improve the governance and sustainable use of African mineral resources and related infrastructures. The specific objective and outcome is to strengthen the knowledge and skills in Africa’s mining sector and specifically of African Geological Surveys, to make them able to contribute – in their respective countries – with their expertise and data to informed decision-making and good governance as well as sustainable use of mineral resources and reinforcing the capacity of the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS).

“WP H – Communication, Dissemination and Dialogue” is coordinated by the EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) in collaboration with the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS).

## 2. CONTENT & METHODOLOGY OF THE “WP H – COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND DIALOGUE” TRAINING SESSION

The geoscience communication training session will enable the trainees to apply their training to develop a suite of communication products.

The training will be interactive with wide arrange of communication activities and discussions. The training will cover,

- Theories and types of communication
- Constructivism and the importance of engagement in communication
- Writing, use of graphics/images, communicating statistics/numbers
- Communication through social media, press releases and science policy
- Narrative in science communication: the use and effectiveness of it
- Identifying the audience and using targeted communication
- Techniques for engaging with non-technical audiences
- Understanding the role of emotion in communication.

During the training session, participants must develop a communication product of their own related to their geological survey.

The training session is organised jointly by the OAGS and EGS:

- Number of attendants: Max 20
- Language: English
- Duration: 1 day (10 February 2023)
- Trainers: 1 African trainer + 1 European trainer.

### ***b) Return-to-work plan***

During the session, each trainee will have to prepare and present a Return-to-Work Plan. It is to design a short-term application of the newly acquired knowledge through a project of interest for the Geological Survey and to be possibly implemented continuously. If possible, the trainee should also attend a part of any PanAfGeo-2 training sessions held in their own country and create a communication product about that specific training, which will then be shared by OAGS and EGS.

## 3. MAIN EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE

The overall objective is to train the participants through theory and practice on science communication.

By the end of the course, the participant will be more effective with their communication and have the knowledge on key elements of effective communication and how to practically use them, including understanding

- How to connect with audience – their needs and priorities
- What engagement is and how it impacts communication
- The role of listening, empathy, and narrative
- Some key communication formats, styles, and methods
- How to make a communication plan.

#### 4. TIME SCHEDULE

Date of training session	10 February 2023
Location	Cape Town, South Africa
Application deadline	16 December 2022

#### 5. WHO CAN APPLY?

The training session is open to all persons who are eligible according to the conditions of the “*PanAfGeo Charter for Trainees*”.

Moreover, to be able to follow the proposed training and fully benefit from the knowledge and skills delivered during the course, the applicants **must justify the required education and experience level** as follows:

- Sound computer skills
- Some knowledge of online communication, writing and science communications
- Some experience presenting results to different types of audiences
- Knowledge of geology (recommended).

The trainee must also propose a general outline (a few sentences) of a science communication product they are interested in working on that would be useful within their own survey organisation.

#### 6. FUNDING FOR THE TRAINING

The PanAfGeo “*WP H – Communication, Dissemination and Dialogue*” training session is supported through funds from the European Commission.

The following expenses will be covered for each trainee:

- Travel costs: flight and ground travel in Africa, according to the programme of the training
- Entrance visa fee against a receipt (*original receipt with the trainee’s name*)
- Accommodation, breakfast, catering, and joint meal during the training session
- A training allowance of 30 EUR

#### 7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

In order to be considered, applicants for the PanAfGeo Training Session entitled “*WP H – Communication, Dissemination and Dialogue*” must complete the documents listed hereafter:

- 1 - Application Form for a PanAfGeo Training,
- 2 - Letter of Motivation,
- 3 - Letter of Commitment signed by your employer,
- 4 - Passport Copy (valid for at least six months after from the date of entry into South Africa).



## PanAfGeo

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After filling out these documents, please register here: <https://panafgeo-courses-dev.azurewebsites.net/> and upload the documents as 3 separate files (PDF format only – the label of all application files must include the applicant's first name in Latin letters) before the application deadline: 16 December 2022.

The selection process will take into account regional-national representation and a gender balance following the aim of strengthening the skills of African Geological Surveys geoscientific staff.

All applicants will be informed about the result of the selection process approximately on 23 December 2023. The Acceptation Letter will be sent out immediately in order to allow time for visa processing and delivery.

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Information about the PanAfGeo Programme can be found via the internet address: <http://panafgeo.eurogeosurveys.org>

Questions regarding PanAfGeo should be forwarded to EuroGeoSurveys via the email address: [info@eurogeosurveys.org](mailto:info@eurogeosurveys.org) or to the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS) via the email address: [oags@geoscience.org.za](mailto:oags@geoscience.org.za).

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