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## PANAFGEO-2 MINING INDABA ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATION TRAINING SESSION: A STRONGER AFRICA – EU GEO-SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAM

20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Cape Town, South Africa

The PanAfGeo community met in Cape Town during the course of the “Investing in African Mining” Indaba week and the activities were successfully concluded, along with the Communication, Dissemination and Dialogue (Work Package H) training session.

A booth for PanAfGeo and [AfricaMaVal](#) was located in the exhibition hall for the duration of the event. The booth provided valuable insights into the mining industry in Africa and showcased the potential for future collaborations and partnerships. EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) had a special joint meeting with Mr Kimmo Tiilikainen, Director of the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) and discussed the current activities in Africa.



On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, a bilateral meeting was held with EGS, the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS), the Council for Geoscience (CGS), the French Geological Survey (BRGM), the European Commission, and the EU Delegation to South Africa. The discussion centred on possible synergies with African projects, strategic partnerships, and future initiatives. EGS and OAGS Presidents, Mr Christophe Poinssot and Ms Rokhaya Samba Diene, were also present during the meeting.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, a workshop was conducted by the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) and BRGM focusing on the AfricaMaVal Project and related to the topic ‘Africa and Europe’s partnerships in raw materials and mining’. The workshop provided insights into the potential for Africa’s raw materials and mining industries.

On the same day, Ms Julie Hollis, EGS Secretary-General, attended a panel discussion organised by the European Commission, on Partnership between the EU and African Countries, where partnerships for sustainable raw materials value chains and strong collaboration between EGS and OAGS were underlined. The session provided the opportunity to gain further valuable insights from experts into the mining industry.

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In the afternoon, a meeting was held with Commissioner H.E. Albert M. Muchanga, the Commissioner for Trade and Industry for the African Union Commission and his team, at the exhibition booth. The meeting presented the status of the PanAfGeo and AfricaMaVal projects, and future activities were discussed.



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, a discussion was held on the Governance (Work Package F) of PanAfGeo-2 with Mr Jasper Donker from the Geological Survey of the Netherlands (TNO) and BRGM.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, a one-day communication training session was held, which provided valuable insights to the trainees through theory and practice on science communication. The training began with an opening session led by Ms Elisabetta Sartorel (Policy Officer, European Commission, DG INTPA), Ms Rokhaya Samba Diene (President, OAGS), Mr Mosa Mabuza (Chief Executive Officer, Council for Geoscience) and Jean-Claude Guillaneau (PanAfGeo-2 Coordinator, BRGM). The interactive training session empowered the trainees to apply their training to developing a suite of communication products. During the training session, the participants were asked to develop a communication product of their own related to their Geological Survey. The highlight video of the training session is available [here](#).



The PanAfGeo-2 Mining Indaba activities and WP-H Communication training session were a resounding success. The events provided valuable insights into the mining industry, potential partnerships, and collaborations in Africa.



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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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