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PanAfGeo-2 – WP-H training

COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND DIALOGUE IN GEOSCIENCES

From November 1-3, 2023, the Republic of Senegal hosted international training in Dakar delivered through the PanAfGeo project on the theme “*Communication, Dissemination and Dialogue in Geosciences*”.

PanAfGeo is a pan-African project co-financed by the European Union and a consortium of European geological surveys which started in 2016 and contributes to strengthening collaboration between the Association of European Geological Surveys (EuroGeoSurveys) and the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS) as well as Africa-EU partnership.

This training, under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Oumar SARR, Minister of Mines and Geology of the Republic of Senegal, was co-organised by the National Geological Survey of Senegal (SGNS), EGS, OAGS, the Geological Survey of France (BRGM) and the Council for Geoscience of South Africa (CGS).



The training, delivered in French, gave twenty geoscientists from 12 geological surveys* in French-speaking Africa the opportunity to familiarise themselves with different techniques in communication, dissemination and dialogue. The Geological Surveys acquire and manage geoscientific data to serve as decision-making support for states on numerous societal issues, such as the supply of mineral resources and water, or the understanding and mitigation of natural hazards. In order to do this, scientists must be able to communicate their knowledge to different audiences, whether decision-makers or other citizen.

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The training began on the morning of November 1st, following an opening ceremony in the honoured presence of Mr. Ibrahima GUEYE, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Mines and Geology, Dr. Rokhaya SAMBA DIENE, Director of SGNS and President of OAGS, and Dr. Nicolas CHARLES, Coordination of PanAfGeo, from BRGM.

The training was structured around theoretical sessions describing the major concepts of communication (oral, written, media, social media, targeted audiences, graphic charter, etc.). Interactive scenarios of practical cases promoted discussion between participants, and focused on several geoscientific themes that participants may be confronted with in their work situations (e.g. marine submersion, mining rush, earthquake, mining inventory). During these practical workshops, public information meetings were simulated to learn how to communicate to a large audience; as well as modelling crisis management meetings and press conferences, as well as public meetings with decision-makers to argue for the funding of projects.

The session was moderated by Mrs. Fatoumata DRAMÉ (SGNS), Ms. Agnès NOËL (BRGM), Dr. Nicolas CHARLES (BRGM), Mr. Krishnan SUBRAMANI (EGS), Ms. Céline ANDIREN (EGS) and Mr. Daniel SÁNCHEZ (EGS). Following the classroom training, an excursion was organised to the island of Gorée to meet the *Gorée Institute*, which supports for the island's cultural activities. This was an opportunity for participants to witness their activities and, specifically, how they use communication and dialogue in working with citizens and stakeholders.

The training concluded on November 3rd with a ceremony in the presence of Mr. Ibrahima GUEYE and Dr. Rokhaya SAMBA DIENE, during which certificates were given to each participant before they returned to their respective countries. The highlight video of the training session is available [here](#). The pictures from the training session are available [here](#).

**Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, and Chad.*

About the 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 can be found, [here](#). For more information, visit the PanAfGeo [website](#).

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