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PANAFGEO-2 ELEVATES GEOSCIENCE COLLABORATION AT MINING INDABA 2024

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PanAfGeo-2 seized the spotlight at Mining Indaba 2024, leaving a significant mark at the EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) and the French Geological Survey (BRGM) stands within the Team Europe booth (T36 & T38) from 5th to 8th February 2024.

Mining Indaba commenced with an inaugural address by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, setting the stage for insightful discussions. Later in the afternoon, PanAfGeo-2 delivered a presentation on the topic 'Pan-African/EU projects in Geosciences and Critical Minerals: PanAfGeo Project Phase-2 and AfricaMaVal'. Representatives from PanAfGeo-2 and various stakeholders shared insights into their innovative initiatives. Following the presentation, PanAfGeo-2 participated in a seminar focusing on investing in the South African mining sector value chain. Continuous meetings, side discussions, and interactions with the EU team and EU Delegation in South Africa further enriched the exchange of ideas.

PanAfGeo-2 maintained a constant presence and dialogue with notable entities such as the Council for Geoscience, Geological Survey of Senegal, Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development, Cameroon, and Geological Survey of Namibia booths.



PanAfGeo-2 stand within the Team Europe booth (left); Discussion about the 'Pan African EU projects in Geosciences and Critical Minerals: PanAfGeo Project Phase-2 and AfricaMaVal' (right)

On 6th February, an internal meeting convened to discuss the future path of the PanAfGeo Project and exchange ideas on its direction. Attended by representatives from the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS), the French Geological Survey (BRGM), Consortium members, and some PanAfGeo-2 Advisory Board Members, with a special presence from the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC), the session held significant importance in shaping the project's evolution. The meeting commenced with an opening speech by Dr. Rokhaya Samba Diene, President of OAGS, who emphasised the significant collaboration between EGS and OAGS, as well as the pivotal role of PanAfGeo activities.

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PanAfGeo-2 team at the Geological Survey of Senegal booth with Mr. Ibrahima Guèye, Secretary General, Ministry of Mines and Geology, Senegal (left); PanAfGeo team visit to the booth of The National Mining Corporation of Cameroon (SONAMINES) alongside Dr. Rokhaya Samba Diene, the President of OAGS (right)



Ms. Rasa Jautakaite-Tunaitien, Delegation of the EU to South Africa, Mr. Mosa Mabuza, CEO of Council for Geoscience, with Ms. Celine Andrien and Ms. Julie Hollis from EGS (left); Some participants of the PanAfGeo Project internal meeting (right)

PanAfGeo-2 also participated in three notable gatherings:

- On 6th February, PanAfGeo-2 participated in the Investing in Exploration Seminar, highlighted by an address from the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Mr Gwede Mantashe.
- On 7th February, PanAfGeo-2 took part in the Namibian Country Showcase on Critical Raw Materials Development and Local Value Addition, focusing on the Namibian context.
- Lastly, on 8th February, PanAfGeo-2 contributed to the Workshop on Mobilising Public Funds to Promote Investments into Africa's Strategic Metals Value Chains.

View the photo gallery capturing moments from Mining Indaba [here](#).



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About PanAfGeo:

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](#). For more information, [visit the website](#).

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