

PanAfGeo+

The Pan-African Support to Geological Sciences and Technology

Call for Applications for PanAfGeo+ WP5 Training Session

WP5 – Geoheritage and Geoconservation Training Session

→ 9 – 14 February 2026

→ Kenya

→ In English

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. This programme includes the acquisition and development of important professional skills that complement existing qualifications and technical skills. The training programme is carried out by world-class geoscientific experts coming from African and European geological surveys.

PanAfGeo+ is funded by the European Commission (DG INTPA). The consortium of PanAfGeo+ consists of EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) and Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS) 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 or work packages.

The “**PanAfGeo Charter for Trainees**” provides the general quality framework for selection of trainees who will attend the training sessions carried out in the frame of the PanAfGeo+ project. This charter is awarded for the full duration of the PanAfGeo+ project. Implementation of the Charter will be monitored and violation of any of its principles and commitments may lead to its withdrawal by the PanAfGeo+ project coordination.

The overall objective and impact of PanAfGeo+ is to improve the governance and sustainable use of African mineral resources and related infrastructures.

CONTENT & METHODOLOGY OF THE “WP5a, GEOHERITAGE AND GEOCONSERVATION” TRAINING SESSION

The first training sessions on geoheritage and geoconservation will provide trainees with the conceptual framework and the methodologies for the inventory and assessment of geological heritage towards its sustainable conservation and management, including the application for geoparks, protected areas and national inventories.

The trainings will be interactive, involving both classroom and fieldwork sessions, with practical examples and discussions. In particular, they will cover:

- Conceptual framework: recent concepts and advances in geoconservation.
- Methodological background: identification, classification, inventory, and assessment of geosites.
- Field mapping: specific techniques for the field identification and mapping of geosites.
- Case studies: African examples of good practice in inventories and geoconservation.
- Project development: steps for geosite management plans, geopark proposals, etc.

Practical sessions will include:

- Analysis of geological heritage to identify its potential for science, education and/or tourism.
- Guidelines and examples for the interpretation of geological heritage sites.
- Discussion of examples to promote geoconservation to decision-makers.

During the training session, participants must identify a specific geoconservation project related to their geological work.

This training session is jointly organized by OAGS and EGS:

- 6 days (9 - 14 February 2026)
- Kenya (Kabarnet, Baringo County)
- In English
- **Application deadline: 10 December 2025**

RETURN-TO-WORK PLAN:

Each trainee must prepare and present a work-back plan during the session - i.e., a short-term application of the newly acquired knowledge via a project relevant to the geological survey and implementable on an ongoing basis. Where possible, trainees should also develop a geoconservation project which will be shared by OAGS and EGS.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE:

The **overall goal** is to train participants in geoconservation techniques through both theory and practice.



By the end of the course, the participant will be more effective in the inventory and management of geological heritage, including:

- Understand the key concepts and terminology used in geoconservation.
- Apply the methodologies used in the planning and development of geoheritage inventories.
- Know the main international conventions applying in their country.
- Contribute to geoconservation in natural protected areas and geoparks.
- Contribute to local socioeconomic development with inventories and counselling on the management and public outreach of geological heritage sites.
- Counsel local administration on how to consider geoheritage in territorial and urban planning.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The training session is open to all individuals eligible under the “PanAfGeo Trainee Charter.”

Additionally, to fully benefit from the training, candidates must meet the following education and experience requirements:

- General knowledge of basic geology (stratigraphy, petrology, tectonics, paleontology, geomorphology, etc.).
- Experience with public outreach and presenting results to various types of audiences.
- Experience with team work, field work and simple data analysis.

The trainee must also submit a brief general proposal (a few sentences) for a geoconservation project they wish to work on that would be useful within their own organization.

NOTE PLEASE:

The Letter of Commitment should be officially approved by the **directorate** of your institution. A maximum of 2 **applications** from any geological survey or adequate state geological institution will be accepted to the WP-5a selection process for the training.

All incomplete applications with missing passport number and data confirming its validity for **at least 6 months after the end of the training** will be automatically excluded, please check your passport validity expiration.

FUNDING OF THE TRAINING:

The PanAfGeo+ “WP5a – Communication and Dialogue in Geoscience” training session is fully supported through funds of the European Commission.

The following expenses will be covered:

- International travel costs: flight to and from African country from international airport.
- Entrance visa fee against a receipt (please request a clear copy bearing your name).
- Accommodation, breakfast, catering and joint meals during the training session.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ALLOWANCES AND NO HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS ARE PROVIDED IN THIS PHASE OF THE PANAFGEO PROJECT.



For the possible arrangements of your travel to/from the international airport, and the coverage of the international health insurance (in case of need), please make sure to sort it out with your employer who confirms your Letter of Commitment.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE:

In order to be considered, applicants must complete and submit the following four (4) documents:

- 1) Application Form for this training.
- 2) Letter of Commitment signed by your employer.
- 3) Letter of Motivation.
- 4) A copy of your passport (valid for at least six months after the date of entry into Kenya).

Make sure you rename all the application parts in attachments with your family name and a number, using Latin letters.

After preparing these documents, please register here: <https://panafgeo-courses.eurogeosurveys.org/> and upload the documents as four separate PDF files (all file names must include the candidate's first name in Latin letters) before the deadline: **10 December 2025**.

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

Acceptance letters will be sent promptly to facilitate visa processing and delivery.

For practical questions about the course, please contact:

- **Enrique Díaz Martínez:** e.diaz@igme.es

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

Questions about PanAfGeo can be sent to:

- EuroGeoSurveys: panafgeo@eurogeosurveys.org
- Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS): info-oags@oagsafrica.org

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATION!

