

PanAfGeo+

The Pan-African Support to Geological Sciences and Technology

Call for Applications for PanAfGeo+ WP1N2 Training

WP1 – Field Geoscientific Mapping Training Session

- 11th August – 4th September 2026
- Windhoek/Opuwo/Epupa, Namibia
- in English and Portuguese

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 13 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 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.



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CONTENT & METHODOLOGY OF THE “+WP1 – GEOSCIENTIFIC MAPPING” TRAINING:

The work package “Field Geoscientific Mapping” (WP1) aims to raise level of skills of African staff in terms of field geology mapping so that African geologists can make geological maps to finally better cover the continent at different scales with own good-quality data.

Geological map is a scale-down interpretation of the geological structure of the selected area of the upper part of the Earth crust usually drawn on a topographic map. Geoscientific mapping is a step-by-step process during which geological map is compiled as a base for state and public administrations, in particular for making decisions when planning civil works, and formulating policies on energy, minerals and environmental protection. WP1 – Field Geoscientific Mapping is coordinated by the Czech Geological Survey (CGS) with the technical and scientific assistance of the WP1 co-organizer, the Geological Survey of Namibia, and in synergy with the co-leader, Geological Survey of Algeria. More support comes from the French Geological Survey (BRGM), the Geological Survey of Portugal (LNEG), and the Geological Survey of Slovenia (GeoZS).

During the PanAfGeo+ (2025–2028), traditional trainings for 25 trainees and the alternative “case study” trainings for smaller groups will be organized. The first mapping course of the “case study” type will be held in Namibia 2026, i.e., for lesser number of trainees 15-18 and in true mapping conditions including the field accommodation. It will be launched together with LNEG and GSN partners, and will be focused on a specific part of the pre-Damaran basement in the Kunene District, namely the ultramafic magmatic body between Swartbooisdrift and Epupa Falls (the Zebra Mts) and its host rocks.

MAIN EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE:

This training aims to do practical exercise on field techniques used during the geological mapping, collecting of data, interpreting petrological, geochemical, geophysical, structural, stratigraphic and geochronological data for the purpose of compiling geological map, summarising the data and preparation of geological map. Remote sensing principles and digital data handling will be included in an abridged practical form. Some portable hand devices (e.g., UV, gamaspectrometer, kappameter, RFA) will be available.

TIME SCHEDULE:

The second PanAfGeo+ WP1 training will take place in August/September 2026 in Namibia for English and Portuguese trainees, and the third one in December 2026 in Morocco for French speaking trainees followed by 3 other courses during 2027 to 2028. Separate calls will be announced for each WP1 course.

- Place: Opuwo/Epupa Falls and Windhoek, Namibia
- Application deadline: March 6, 2026
- Selection of trainees: March 25, 2026



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- Confirmation of participation: April 10, 2026
- Training: August 11 – September 4, 2026

WHO CAN APPLY?:

The PanAfGeo+ “WP1N2 – Field Geoscientific Mapping” training session is open to all persons who are eligible according to the conditions of the “PanAfGeo Charter for Trainee”.

The training is targeted to junior GS staff involved in geological mapping projects of any state geological survey or ministerial department, mainly detailed mapping projects. We expect the GS applicants to be in charge of practical implementation of detailed geological mapping on the scale up to 1 : 100 000 or more detailed during the coming years. The programme admits also focused junior university employees. Good computer skills and practical knowledge of spoken and written English and/or Portuguese language is required. A good physical condition and the ability to experience the outdoor field mapping part is necessary, together with readiness to complete entire 25 day programme. A Portuguese section with LNEG trainers will be included in this first WP1-N1 training.

Note please:

Good physical condition and the ability to move in mountainous terrain is a prerequisite for your application; please consider your actual ability to work systematically outside for two weeks **before** you apply. Accommodation in the field will be provided by GSN and local authority as a super simple temporary camp setting, accommodation in Windhoek will be in the Safari *** Hotel. Touristic equipment for rocky mountain terrain is necessary.

The Letter of Commitment should be officially approved by the **directorate** of your institution. The maximum of 4 **applications** from any geological survey or adequate state geological institution will be accepted to the WP1 selection process for the training. Previous interest of applicants from last WP1 trainings will also be taken into account.

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.

Please do not apply in case you have participated in previous WP1(A) or WP7(G) trainings already.

For French-speaking applicants, please apply for one of the following French trainings, targeted to francophone countries.

FUNDING OF THE TRAINING:

The PanAfGeo+ “WP1N2 – Field Geoscientific Mapping” training session is fully supported through funds of the European Commission.



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The following expenses will be covered:

- International travel costs: flight to and from African country from international airport, and ground travels in Namibia, according to the WP1 programme;
- Entrance visa fee against a receipt (please request a clear copy bearing your name);
- Accommodation, breakfast, catering and joint meals during the training session;
- Technical equipment for the training, light backpack, and simple stationery for field work.

Please note that no allowances and no health insurance remunerations are provided in this phase of the PanAfGeo project.

Possible arrangements of your travel to the international airport, and coverage of the international health insurance (in case of need) sort out please with your employer who confirms your letter of Commitment.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE:

In order to be considered, applicants for the PanAfGeo+ Training Session entitled "WP1 – Geoscientific Mapping" must complete the documents listed hereafter:

- 1) Application Form for this training (+WP1N2);
- 2) Letter of Commitment signed by your employer;
- 3) Letter of Motivation;
- 4) Passport copy

Please complete these documents in English in electronic version, and apply through on-line system to the web page [PanAfGeo Trainings](#)

before the Application Deadline: March 6, 2026

In case of technical difficulties, please contact Mr. Krishnan S. Ramakrishnan (krishnan.subramani@eurogeosurveys.org).

- For other querries, please contact the WP1 coordinator Veronika Stedra, Czech Geological Survey, Czech Republic (veronika.stedra@geology.cz),
- or in Portugal to Mr. José Feliciano from LNEG (jose.feliciano@lNEG.pt).

All applicants will be informed about the result of the selection process and will be asked for confirmation, all to be finished by April 5, 2026. The Invitation Letter will be sent in order to allow time for Visa processing for applicants outside SADC group.

Your flight to Windhoek will be organized by the EuroGeoSurveys (by means of the Belbur Agency) immediately after the selected trainees confirm their participation. The information on the flight connection will be sent by e-mail from this travel agency. In case of a last-minute absence, a trainee from the host country will be accepted instead.



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

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

Questions regarding practical issues of the course WP1-N2 should be addressed to the training coordinators via the e-mail addresses: veronika.stedra@geology.cz, and Ewereth.Muvangua@mme.gov.na, Dr. Ewereth Muwanga from the Geological Survey of Namibia.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATIONS.

Mrs Veronika Stedra

WP1 (Field Geoscientific Mapping) Leader
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Mr José Feliciano

Partner for WP1 training in Portuguese
Geological Survey of Portugal (LNEG)

Mrs Anna Nguno

Geological Survey of Namibia Coordinator



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