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# **AMGC** News

### Director General's Message



The ACP-EU Development Minerals programme activities continued during the month of January 2018 with the focus countries outreach training being carried out in Cameroon. The Manager and the Senior Geologist travelled to Cameroon to carry out the training courses on Geodata Digitization and Mapping of Development Minerals. The purpose of these training courses was to increase the knowledge base in the focus countries to enable the

development of the information system in these focus countries as pilot cases of the programme to be expanded to other African countries so that the Development Minerals exploitation shall be better organized and benefit the economies of the countries more.

The training in Cameroon was attended by 32 participants from different sectors of the earth resources community including academia, government, private sector and artisan and small scale operators. The training was carried out in the Geomatics Laboratory of the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences of University of Dschang from 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The other training course organized by AMGC was the training for four participants from Geological Survey Department of Malawi on pottery ceramic technology, which was held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The PanAfGeo capacity building initiative in which AMGC has been partnering with the leading teams of the different Work Packages was other activity during this month. The co-leaders of Work Package for Geohazards comprising the team members from Geological Survey of Lithuania and Council for Geosciences of South Africa visited the Centre as part of the preparation for the training that is going to be carried out in Tanzania in partnership with AMGC in March 2018

### **AMGC's Specialties**

- Training in mineral services
- Mineral Analysis
- Mineral Applications
- Pottery and ceramic technology
- Gem identification, grading and certification
- Research and Development
- Geo-information services
- Mineral-based development
- Feasibility studies
- Environmental Impact Assessment



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# President of Comorian Chamber of Trade and Industry paid a visit at AMGC



Hon. Ahmed Ali Bazi, the President of Comorian Chamber of Trade and Industry including Mining visited the Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 and he had a meeting with AMGC Director General Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad regarding mineral sector in Comoro and Africa in general.

## **Training on Pottery and Ceramic Technology**



AMGC Director General, Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad and senior Pottery-Ceramic technician Mr. Lucas Kalombola in a group photo with four participants from Geological Survey of Malawi (GSD) during handing over certificates ceremony at AMGC, the participants attended a training on Ceramic and Pottery Technology from 15 to 26 of

### Bagamoyo Institute of Art and Culture (TaSUBa) Visit



The Mission of AMGC

"To promote socioeconomic and
environmentally
responsible mineral
development in
Africa"



AMGC Director General, Mr. Ibrahim Shaddad, Visited the Bagamoyo Institute of Art and Culture (TaSUBa) 70 Km north of Dar es Salaam. Tanzania on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 to discuss collaboration regarding Art and Geosciences. A MoU will be signed between the TaSUBa and the African Minerals Geosciences Center (AMGC) for knowledge sharing experience in rock carving and designing-decoration of Ceramic. AMGC will provide internship opportunities for students and fresh graduates of the TaSUBa in the AMGC's Ceramics Section.

Official Opening Ceremony of the Focus Countries Training Workshop on Geo-Data Digitization, Mapping of Development Minerals in Cameroon



The Head of the Regional Office of the Ministry of Mines in Western Region and the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources of University of Dschang, Cameroon, attended the opening ceremony of the Training Workshop on Geo-Data Digitization, Mapping of Development Minerals in Cameroon. Participants attended the workshop from various sectors such as the geological survey, the Academia, private sectors and miners. The workshop is facilitated by Mr. Mesfin Gebremichael and Kamina Chororoka the experts from the AMGC, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

# Training Workshop on Geo-Data Digitization, Mapping of Development Minerals in Cameroon



Geo- data digitization, Mapping of Development Minerals Participants during their handing over certificates ceremony in the Geomatics Laboratory of the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences of University of Dschang, Cameroon.

# **PanAfGeo Training**

The African Minerals & Geosciences Centre (AMGC) will be hosting a PanAfGeo training on Geo-hazards in March 2018. As part of the training preparations Ms Lilian Mushi, who is a senior geologist at AMGC accompanied the two trainers, Dr. Jonas Satkūnas from the Lithuania Geological Survey (LGT and Dr. Diop Souleymane from Council for Geosciences of South Africa to a reconnaissance field visits in Tanga and Kilimanjaro regions of Tanzania. The training session will enroll a about 40 Geoscientists from various Geological Surveys in Africa.





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### **Opportunities**



### 27th Colloquium of African Geology

On behalf of the 27th Colloquium of African Geology (27 CAG) and 17th Conference of the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf17), we would like to extend a warm welcome and invite you to join us at the University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal, for the CAG27. The Colloquium of African Geology (CAG) is a major biennial meeting organized under the auspices of the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf).

Senior and early-career earth scientists from organizations, associations, mining companies, civil societies, politics, and media will be welcome from all over the world especially but not limited to career scientists from African Countries and also to other colleagues that . These representatives will be from different countries and will also be active at the national level. The participation of these individuals from different sectors and countries will enhance international collaborations and increase the involvement of the international community. For more information and registration please visit http://cag27.web.ua.pt/

### The seventh Arusha Gem fair

The Ministry of Energy and Minerals in collaboration with the Tanzania Mineral Dealers Association (TAMIDA) are jointly organizing the 7<sup>th</sup> Arusha Gem Fair (AGF) scheduled to take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 in Arusha. The AGF brings together premier gemstone and mineral dealers from East and Central African and International Potential buyers with the aim of making Arusha a Centre for Gemstone business in Africa.

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