**Call for Application for PanAfGeo Trainings - Geoheritage**

**TRAINING: WP6 – Geoheritage**

PanAfGeo WP6 will organize altogether five (5) training sessions on **Geoheritage** across Africa during 2017-2019. Three (3) sessions will be run in English, one (1) in French, and one (1) in Portuguese (depending on the number of Portuguese speaking applicants).

The first one of the WP6 trainings already took place in French in Morocco in late October-early November. The next one will take place in English in Tanzania in May 2018, and after this there will be three (3) more sessions to come in 2018 and 2019. Contacts are on their way to organize training sessions on geoheritage also in Namibia, South Africa or Mozambique, but these have not yet been confirmed. It is recommended that the applicants consider their language preferences when choosing to which of the training sessions they apply for, and the possibility to be deferred to a later training session.

This second training of **WP6 – Geoheritage in Tanzania** will also provide or increase the basic background knowledge and skills of African staff regarding the tasks of geological surveys in geoconservation. It will develop the following main topics, including practical examples in the surroundings of Dodoma, and debates on African geoparks including the proposal of Ngorongoro (Tanzania):

‐ Basic concepts on geoheritage, geodiversity, geoconservation, geotourism and geoparks.

‐ Relationship between geodiversity, biodiversity and cultural diversity contexts.

‐ Relationship between geoheritage and mining heritage.

‐ Methodology of inventories. Geosite identification and assessment. Planning and development of inventories.

‐ Strategic planning for geoconservation. Types of initiatives: protection, restoration, mitigation.

‐ International conventions, norms and legislation.

‐ Geoconservation in protected areas. Site monitoring and management recommendations.

‐ Geoparks and geotourism for local socioeconomic development.

‐ Public outreach initiatives. Interpretation of geoheritage.

‐ Geoconservation in landscape planning, territorial planning and urban planning.

The PanAfGeo WP6 Geoheritagetraining session is supported through funds of the European Commission. The following expenses will be covered for each trainee:

- Travel costs: flight and ground travel in Africa, according to the programme of the training.

- Lodging and meals during the training session.

- A daily training allowance of 30 euro.

**SECOND TRAINING SESSION:** **14 - 19 May 2018, at Dodoma, Tanzania**

**Application deadline: 15 March 2018**

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In order to be considered, applicants for the PanAfGeo Training Session entitled “WP6 Geoheritage” must complete the documents listed hereafter:

* 1. Applicant Form
* 2. Letter of Commitment
* 3. Letter of Motivation
* PanAfGeo Charter
* Image discharge

WHO CAN APPLY? READ THE PANAFGEO CHARTER FOR TRAINEE

Please complete these documents and send them by email to: Ms Furaha Anzuluni: fanzuluni@geoscience.org.za

Please complete these documents and send them to WP6 Leader Enrique DÍAZ-MARTÍNEZ (IGME) e.diaz@igme.es, WP6 Co-Leader Djimadoum NAMBATINGAR (S.G. du Tchad) nambating@gmail.com, and WP6 Deputy Co-Leader Ahmed BENLAKHDIM (DG-MEM, Maroc) a.benlakhdim@mem.gov.ma before the **application deadline of 15 March 2018**.

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

All applicants will be informed about the result of the selection process approximatively on 23rd March 2018. The Invitation Letter will be sent out immediately in order to allow time for visa processing and delivery.

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

Questions regarding PanAfGeo should be addressed to EuroGeoSurveys: **info@eurogeosurveys.org**

Or to the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS): **oags@geoscience.org.za**

Questions regarding practical issues on the course should be addressed to the training coordinators via email: e.diaz@igme.es , nambating@gmail.com and a.benlakhdim@mem.gov.ma