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- Social well-being
- Environmental management
- International commitments
Organisation of African Geological Surveys

Organisation des Services Géologiques Africains
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Namibia (President), Mozambique (1st Vice-President), Niger (2nd Vice-President), South Africa (Secretariat)

GENERAL MEETING 2014 (=>2015)

• 9th February 2015, Cape Town, South Africa
‘...Much of Africa’s mineral resources remain under-explored and under-exploited and geoscience knowledge is at a relatively too low level to attract exploration and investment’, Addis Ababa Declaration on Development & Management of Africa’s Mineral Resources at the First African Union Conference of Ministers Responsible for Mineral Resources, October 2008.
“Africa is the world’s top producer of numerous mineral commodities and has the world’s greatest resources of many more, but most of Africa still lacks systematic geological mapping which could bring to light a much greater resource base”, Africa Mining Vision prepared by the African Union in 2009.
It was agreed to increase Europe-Africa Geological Surveys cooperation to facilitate access to information on geological data on Africa held in Europe.
Ahead of the African Industrial Ministers Summit, in March 2011, the European Commission and UNIDO agreed on increasing cooperation in the field of energy, sustainable growth and geological survey, which will help Africa to better exploit its natural resources.
Countries in Africa are increasingly willing to upgrade their geoscience knowledge base, including the fundamental ability to make new geological maps. These maps are an important tool for countries to take stock of their resources, to attract investors and provide practical training to young geologists.
Unlocking data on Africa held by EGS

Assumption

By sharing information, by knowledge transferring and by unlocking and providing data of their countries we can greatly assist African partners and help them to participate on a higher level.
Unlocking Africa data held by EGS

Actions...
Delivering to OAGS a DVD with a list of about 5500 types of African maps/data sets held by the Geological Surveys of Europe.
By opening EGS members archives on African data we made clear that our intention is clearly focused in achieving mutual benefits.
Roadmap

26-27 September 2011 – OAGS General meeting in Windhoek, Namibia

Delivery of EGS geological data compilation to OAGS,
Geological Survey of Austria (GBA) as an example...

The Austrian Geological Information for Africa (AGIA) initiative aims to give geological information back to the ‘owners’. A total of 490 maps (300dpi/tiff) have been scanned already.

All the best regards to the members of EGS and people in Africa from the Library of the Geological Survey of Austria.
PROGRAMME
High-Level Conference
EU-Africa Partnership
on Raw Materials

Translating Mineral Resource Wealth into Real Development for Africa

Brussels,
26 January 2012
High Level Conference on EU-Africa Partnership on Raw Materials

- Facilitate exploring mineral resources potential in Africa;
- Foster further co-operation between African and European Geological Surveys;
- Support capacity building to help improve material stewardship, meaning the responsibility for environmental quality shared by all those actions affecting the environment, including on rehabilitation of mining sites and management of secondary raw materials (recycling).
During the 2012 African Union Conference of Ministers Responsible for Mineral Resources, on whether or not Africa needs a stronger Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS), capable of advising the African Union (AU), as the EGS does for the EU, the Ministers emphasised that the implementation of the African Mining Vision needs to give the OAGS a central role.
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Without qualified public sector officers, African countries will not be able to take informed decisions.

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25 September 2013
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