



United in Geosciences–New horizons for IUGS/UNESCO & Africa

Special Session @ CAG 30 Nairobi- Kenya

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14:00 – 18:30

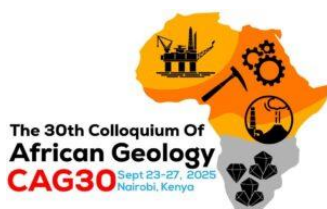
Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi

Room: IVORY CONFERENCE

Conveners:

Ludwig Stroink (IUGS), Anna Nguno (GSAf), Ozlem Adiyaman Lopes (UNESCO/IGCP), & Hassina Mouri (IUGS)

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A special session on AFRICAN GEOSCIENCE RESEARCH: NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

The interactive session will be divided into three parts:

Part 1 will share insights and lessons from the IGCP project 766 FoRGe and present the awardees of the 2025 IGCP call for project proposals in Africa.

Part 2 opens the stage with two inspiring speakers, who will provide key impulses for the following discussion.

Part 3 opens the dialogue on the IUGS Ten Action Plan for Africa (TAP for Africa), highlighting the Geodata Initiative and exploring Africa's geoscience priorities, challenges, and future directions. It will also emphasize supporting African scientists in strengthening their capacity to develop competitive international collaboration project proposals.

Draft Program: The session will start at 14.00 and end at 18.00

Arrival and registration of the participants @14:00

Welcome address and introduction to the aims of the session (Ludwig Stroink, IUGS SG)

Session 1: IUGS -Ten Action Plan for Africa –TAP for Africa

- General introduction (Hassina Mouri/Ludwig Stroink -IUGS)
- IGCP call for Africa (Özlem Adiyaman Lopes, UNESCO)
- Geodata Initiative (Gbenga Okunlola, GSAf)

Discussion Session 1

Session 2: Keynote Addresses

- Prof. Dr. Asfawossen Asrat (15 minutes) (title: Situation of Geosciences in Africa- challenges and possible solutions: some examples)
- Prof. Dr. Serigne Faye (15 minutes: Water in Africa- Challenges and possible solutions: Some Examples)

Discussion Session 2

Session 3: TAP in Motion: Defining the next steps together

- Geodata Initiative: Status Africa's geodata-metadata and inventory platforms (Anna Nguno, GSAf)
- Implementation of TAP through research initiatives: Water in Africa
- General discussion on the future of TAP

Reception: Networking – snacks & drinks