



## **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Geological Society of Africa On the Global Geosciences Initiatives**

The General Assembly of the Geological Society of Africa representing the Earth sciences community in Africa at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Colloquium of African Geology in Johannesburg, South Africa 8 to 14 January 2011;

*Recalling* the Maputo Declaration on the Development of Geosciences in Africa (26 July 2006), the Arusha Declaration on the International Year of Planet Earth (8 May 2008), and the resolutions of the African National Committees for the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) at their meeting of 18-19 May 2009 in Pretoria on their science activity beyond the IYPE;

*Noting* the decision of the IYPE Board to explore possibilities of strengthening the scientific legacy, contributing to global scientific understanding and international capacity building as well as complementing the outreach achievements of IYPE;

*Recognising* the many strategic opportunities to address major environmental challenges of the present time, the potential for new scientific discoveries and that UNESCO, ICSU geosciences unions and other international unions are developing focused initiatives in Africa;

1. *Welcomes* the proposed Global Geoscience Initiatives (GGI) as a contribution to the ICSU vision of an Earth System Science initiative to enhance global sustainability;
2. *Endorses* the proposal of process-based, inclusive, multidisciplinary initiatives with a clear socio-economic context and of global societal relevance;
3. *Undertakes* through the Geological Society of Africa to work actively with the African Earth science community to propose projects under the umbrella of the GGI.

Johannesburg, 14 January 2011



**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Geological Society of Africa  
On the Earth Sciences Institutional Networking in Africa**

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*Recalling* the Maputo Declaration on the Development of Geosciences in Africa (July 26, 2006), and the Arusha Declaration on the International Year of Planet Earth (May 8, 2008);

*Welcoming* the continued partnership with the Geological Society of Africa in the New UNESCO Earth Sciences Education Initiative in Africa;

*Considering* the crucial role of African educational and research Earth Sciences institutions in promoting the Earth Sciences Education in Africa,

*Taking* advantage of the UNESCO backed African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI);

1. *Call* for the establishment of an African Network of Earth Sciences Institutions (ANESI);
2. *Invite* UNESCO to facilitate this establishment within the existing ANSTI;
3. *Invite* African Earth Sciences educational and research institutions to join the network;
4. *Encourage* African Earth scientists to register into the expert's database that will be created within the network.

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**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Geological Society of Africa  
On the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) in Africa**

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*Noting* the low level participation of Africa in the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP);

*Taking note* of the recent transformation of the IGCP and particularly the introduction of the «Young Scientists IGCP» scheme;

*Welcoming* the strong support through a special funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) to promote IGCP in developing countries in general and in Africa in particular;

1. *Invite* all African earth scientists to promote and get involved in IGCP;
2. *Call* for creation or revitalization of IGCP National Committees in each African country using the existing IUGS or IYPE National Committees;
3. *Encourage* the Geological Society of Africa to facilitate IGCP opportunities in Africa.

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