

Aims

- to bring together the relevant responsible authorities and national experts for geoscience information



- to initiate building a pan-African network of geoscience information knowledge to exchange and transfer
- to integrate the relevant responsible authorities and national experts into the global geoinformation activities



- to make Africa an active part of the international geoscience information community
- ... by lectures, discussions and short courses (GIS, internet, interoperability)

Registration and abstracts

Important dates

31 January 2009

Registration and submission of abstracts
at www.GIRAF2009.org

February 2009

Third circular, programme

16 - 20 March 2009

Workshop

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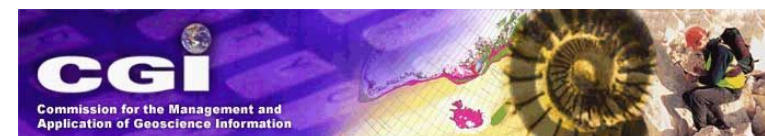
Workshop

16.03. - 20.03.2009

Geological Survey of Namibia /
Ministry of Mines and Energy,
Windhoek

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Second circular, call for registration
and call for abstracts



Information

This five-day workshop at the Geological Survey of Namibia will contain

- keynotes on global and African aspects of geoscience information,
- lectures on data management, data application and data distribution,
- presentations about the situation of geoscience information in different African countries,
- working and discussion groups to developing a strategic plan for Africa's future in geoscience information,
- a field trip for all participants,
- conference dinner

A preliminary programme can be found at www.GIRAF2009.org

Hotel reservations

Please contact the workshop secretary, Peter Schuette (Tel. +49-511- 6433262, Fax: +49-511-6433782, email: GIRAF2009@bgr.de) for further information and to indicate arrival and departure dates and times. A block booking has been made in the nearby Safari Hotel (http://www.safarihotelsnamibia.com/safari_hotel_home.html)

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- Registration and submission of abstracts (max. 500 words) until 31 January
- Visa information: participants of the workshop should obtain visas to enter Namibia before travelling in due time

Speakers

Welcome

Dr. Gabi Schneider
Director Geological Survey (GSN)
Windhoek, Namibia

Address of welcome

Erkki Nghimtina
Minister of Mines and Energy
Windhoek, Namibia

Egon Kochanke
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Keynotes

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And others....