

First circular Second International Conference on Geoparks in Africa & Middle East

Entitled
*Geoheritage for local socio-economic
sustainable development*

Dakar, Senegal, 1-4 October 2014

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PREAMBLE

The African Geoparks Network “AGN” was initiated during the pre-congress of the fifth conference of the AAWG held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast in May 2009. The AGN aims to identify, promote, and advise on the importance and preservation of geoheritage in Africa in collaboration with other stakeholders. In that framework, the AGN in collaboration with AAWG, ANRSA and UCAD are organizing the second International Conference on Geoparks in Africa and Middle East in 2014 in Dakar Senegal. The First edition was organized in 2011 in Morocco.

All researchers in the fields of geoheritage, geotourism, conservation, environment and sustainable development, policy makers, economists, geopark and local community administrators and leaders, NGOs, business operators, Medias and individuals with interest in geoheritage development are invited to participating in making this event a success.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

- Geoheritage & Local communities
- Geoheritage & Geo-education
- Geoparks & Sustainable mining
- Geoheritage & Climate change
- Geoheritage & Geotourism
- Karst geo-ecology & Speleology
- Archaeology & Cultural heritage
- Geoheritage & Medical Geology
- Geoheritage & Geoethics
- Earth and Sciences history
- Role of Women and Youths in conservation of natural heritage
- Geoheritage Networking
- Aspiring Geoparks in Africa and Middle East

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Two days technical sessions
Two days post-conference field trip

SCHEDULE & CALENDAR OF THE EVENT

30 September 2014: Arrivals and registration

1-2 October 2014: Technical sessions.

3-4 October 2014: Field trip.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

In order to accommodate a maximum number of interesting papers we are compelled to allocate a maximum of 15 minutes to the oral presentation followed by an additional 5 minutes for discussion. Transparency projectors and data show (Power Point format) equipment will be available.

The poster session presentations will run parallel to the oral session.

LANGUAGE

French, Arabic, English are the official languages of the conference.

FIELD TRIP

A field trip will be carried out through an aspiring Geopark that consists of numerous estuaries and rocky cliffs such as “Cap de Naze”, “Cap Rouge”, “Ngazobil”, “Bandia, Somone and Popenguine reserves”, Saloum estuary...This region is one of the major touristic sites in Senegal with its beautiful beaches and lagoons. Local populations are mainly Lebus and Sereer that are living from traditional fishing and agriculture.

During the field trip, a visit will be paid to the Senghor's house -the first Senegalese president - and Fadiouth Shell Island.



REGISTRATION FEES

- 200 € for non African & private companies.
- 100 € for African and Arab academics.
- 80 € for AGN and AAWG members.
- 50 € for African & Arab students.

The registration fees will include abstract volume, coffee breaks, conference lunches and Gala Dinner.

Field trip fees: 200 €

PAYMENT

Participants are required to pay fees by bank transfer to the address indicated below:

Société Géologique du Sénégal
CBAO point E

RIB: SN012 01309 36163725101 44
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The full Address of the Recipient is:
Geological Society of Senegal
Département de Géologie FST-UCAD BP 5005, Dakar, Sénégal.
In favor of ICAAG 2-2014

Please send a scanned copy of your bank transfer document to the
e-mail addresses: contact@aawg.org, sowfama@yahoo.fr

ABSTRACTS

All authors are requested to submit their abstracts which will be reproduced in an Abstract Volume to be distributed to the participants. All abstracts should be prepared according to the guidelines given below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

General Guidelines

The abstract should not **exceed 2 pages** (figures, tables and references included), A4 size paper (21.0 x 29.7 cm), printed on one side, written in Arabic, English or French. The topic covered should be relevant to the sub-themes of the meeting.

The name, address and e-mail of the communicating author must be clearly specified. All correspondence will be maintained with this author only.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **30 April 2014**.

Guidelines for preparation of the abstract

The abstracts should be laid out in accordance with the main formatting points listed below. A limited amount of re-formatting will be undertaken by the conference secretariat, but submissions that are grossly aberrant will be returned to authors for correction.

* It must be submitted electronically in MSWORD

* The preferred font is TIME; title 14pt / affiliations 12pt / text 10pt, with single line spacing.

* The text must be typed leaving a 3 cm on the right and 2.5 cm on the top, bottom, and left margins.

* Headings may be used

* Figures and tables may be included and embedded in the text file

* References may be included at the end of the extended abstract

* For any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact the conference secretariat on its email address contact@aawg.org, papam.ngom@ucad.edu.sn, sowfama@yahoo.fr

Submission of the Abstract

The abstracts must be sent as an attachment to contact@aawg.org before 30 April 2014. The name of the electronic file must include the name of the first author, e.g. Malek.doc.

PUBLICATION

More details will be provided in the second circular

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Partial sponsorship could be provided to participants from Africa and the Arab region.

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Those who are interested in the fields of geoheritage are kindly invited to support this initiative in order to allow a maximum of participants coming from developing countries to attend this

conference and its related field trip. Your contribution will help to develop geoparks in Africa and Middle East.

Registration Form

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Preferred name in I.D. badge.....

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Conference

I will present a paper

I will present a poster

Title of the paper or the poster:

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I would like to participate to the field trip

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