



PanAfGeo+

The Pan-African Support to Geological Sciences and Technology

Partnerships (SO1)

National AMREC/PARC – UNFC Workshop

Southern Sun Hotel, Pretoria, South Africa

12 - 13 May 2026

WORKSHOP AGENDA

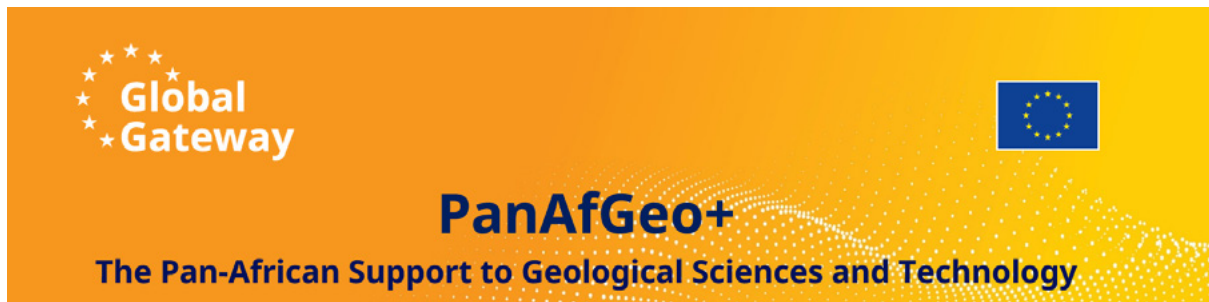
Time	Session	Speaker
	SESSION 1: Policy Moderator: Slavko Solar (Geological Survey of Slovenia /ICE-SRM EU)	
09:30 – 09:50	Welcome remarks	Organisation of African Geological Surveys, African Minerals Development Centre, Council for Geoscience, EuroGeoSurveys
09:50 – 10:10	Council for Geoscience / Organisation of African Geological Surveys presentation	Mosa Mabuza (Council for Geoscience)
10:10 – 10:30	Introduction – Africa Mining Vision (AMV) and tools for implementation.	Tunde Muritala Arisekola (African Minerals Development Centre)
10:30 – 10:50	UN Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) and its Implementation in Europe	Slavko Solar (Geological Survey of Slovenia /ICE-SRM EU)
10:50 – 11:20	Coffee break	
	SESSION 2: Fundamentals Moderator: Organization of African Geological Surveys Secretariat	
11:20 – 11:40	Fundamentals of AMREC, sustainable mining, expert network	Tunde Muritala Arisekola (African Minerals Development Centre)
11:40 – 12:00	Principles of PARC and future of harmonised reporting	Olugbenga Okunlola (President Geological Society of Africa)
12:00 – 12:20	AMREC/PARC: From standardised reporting to criticality assessment	Harikrishnan Tulsidas (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)
12:20 – 12:40	Introduction to UN Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC): How does it work?	Slavko Solar (Geological Survey of Slovenia / ICE-SRM EU)
12:40 – 13:00	CRIRSCO (SAMREC) in the context of UNFC/AMREC/PARC	Tania Marshall (SAMCODES Standards Committee)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
	SESSION 3: Practical part I Moderator: Tunde Muritala Arisekola (African Minerals Development Centre)	
14:00 – 14:20	Aligning AMREC/PARC with Agenda 2063: The Role of Higher Education Systems in Supporting National Implementation	Maideyi Lydia Meck (Geology Department University of Zimbabwe), Bob Felix Ocitti (African Union)
14:20 – 14:40	UNFC in South Africa	Abdul Kenan (Council for Geoscience)

14:40 – 15:00	Unlocking Value: Strengthening Namibian Mineral Resource Governance through AMREC-UNFC Framework	Anna Nguno (Namibia Geological Survey)
15:00 – 15:20	Country specific classification systems in Europe	Snježana Miletić (Geological Survey of Slovenia / ICE-SRM EU)
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee break	
	SESSION 4: Practical part II Moderator: Snježana Miletić (Geological Survey of Slovenia / ICE-SRM EU)	
15:10 – 15:30	AMREC/PARC Case study – Zimbabwe Operationalising AMREC/PARC for Agenda 2063: Insights from Zimbabwe and the Role of Academia	Maideyi Lydia Meck (Geology Department University of Zimbabwe),
15:30 – 15:50	Application of the AMREC-UNFC Framework to Anthropogenic Mineral Resources: Insights from Namibian Case Studies	Anna Nguno (Namibia Geological Survey)
15:50 – 16:10	Capacity development and CPD under PARC	Olugbenga Okunlola (President Geological Society of Africa)
16:10 – 16:30	UNFC Case study – Towards national resource governance	Harikrishnan Tulsidas (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap up discussion	
18:00 - 21:00	Networking dinner	

Second day – 13 May 2026

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	SESSION 5: Practical part - III Moderator: Tunde Muritala Arisekola (African Minerals Development Centre)	
09:00 – 09:20	Recap from day 1	Tunde Muritala Arisekola (African Minerals Development Centre)
09:20 – 09:40	Guidance for the Application of UNFC for Mineral and Anthropogenic Resources in Europe	Slavko Solar (Geological Survey of Slovenia / ICE-SRM EU)
09:40 – 10:00	Harmonisation of ABC1 based national reporting classifications and mapping to UNFC	Snježana Miletić (Geological Survey of Slovenia / ICE-SRM EU)
10:00 – 10:20	UNFC Capacity building programme Train-the-trainer by ICE-SRM EU	Snježana Miletić (Geological Survey of Slovenia / ICE-SRM EU)
10:20 – 10:40	Coffee break	
	SESSION 6 : Practical part - IV Moderator: Slavko Solar (Geological Survey of Slovenia /ICE-SRM EU)	
10:40 – 11:00	UNFC Exercise	Snježana Miletić, Slavko Solar (Geological Survey of Slovenia / ICE-SRM EU)
11:00 – 12:00	AMREC/PARC Session: Exercise – Case studies Bridging	Anna Nguno (Namibia Geological Survey), Maideyi Lydia Meck (Geology Department University of Zimbabwe), Bob Felix Ocitti (African Union), Olugbenga Okunlola (President Geological Society of Africa)
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion – Way Forward	Tunde Muritala Arisekola (African Minerals Development Centre) Slavko Solar (Geological Survey of Slovenia /ICE-SRM EU) Harikrishnan Tulsidas (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)
12:30 – 14:00	Launch & Networking	

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PanAfGeo+ project

PanAfGeo+ (“**Pan-African Support to Geological Sciences and Technology, Africa-EU Partnership**”) is a European Commission-funded project that provides innovative training for geoscientific staff from African geological surveys, helping them develop key professional and technical skills. Delivered by leading experts from African and European geological surveys, the programme is implemented by a consortium of EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) and the Organisation of African Geological Surveys (Organisation of African Geological Surveys), coordinated by the French Geological Survey (BRGM). Through eight specialised geoscience work packages, participants gain a state-of-the-art toolkit of methods, techniques, and fieldwork experience.

The **SO1 - African Expert Networks** is to support the development of a formalized structure for African Expert Networks under organisational structure of the Organisation of African Geological Surveys and using the geoscientific topics of PanAfGeo training sessions and the prevailing Organisation of African Geological Surveys strategic focus documentation, as a basis. The tasks are led by Organisation of African Geological Surveys and EGS in cooperation with SO2 partners.

Background and Rationale

Africa is rapidly progressing toward harmonised, transparent, and sustainable approaches for managing its mineral resources. The Africa Mining Resource Classification System (AMREC) and the Pan-African Resource Classification (PARC), aligned with the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC), provide an integrated framework for consistent reporting, strengthened governance, and improved decision-making.

The national workshop (SO1) targets a *broad multistakeholder audience* in South Africa—government, Geological Survey, industry, academia — to deepen understanding of AMREC/PARC–UNFC principles and support national dialogue on implementation pathways.

Purpose of the Event

The SO1 workshop aims to:

- Facilitate national-level engagement on the adoption and implementation of AMREC/PARC and UNFC.
- Present European and African experiences, including datasets, reporting standards, inventories, and expert networks.
- Provide introductory and practical training through case studies and exercises.
- Support the development of harmonised national mineral resource inventories and sustainable resource governance.

Target Groups

The target groups is broader national audience:

- Government ministries and agencies
- Council for Geoscience of South Africa and regional bodies
- Industry representatives
- Academia
- NGOs and other national stakeholders

Expected Impact

The combined delivery of the events will:

- Strengthened national dialogue on unified mineral resource classification.
- Improved understanding of AMREC/PARC–UNFC synergies.
- Identification of national needs and possible implementation pathways.
- Enhanced readiness to adopt harmonised mineral resource inventories in South Africa.