

OneGeology Steering Group

Meeting 1

Paris, 23-24 April 2009

Actions

Members present:

Africa: Dr G Schneider - Director of the Namibian Geological Survey and representative of the Organisation of African Geological Surveys

Asia: Dr H Kato – Director General of the Japanese Geological Survey and representative of CCOP

Europe: Dr M Komac – Director of the Geological Survey of Slovenia and representative of EuroGeoSurveys

North America: Dr S Kimball – Director of the United States Geological Survey

Oceania: Prof A Malahoff – Chief Executive of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, New Zealand

Ex-Officio

UNESCO: Dr R Missotten (and Dr Sarah Gaines)

CGMW: Dr Manuel Pubellier

OneGeology Secretariat:

Ian Jackson (BGS), Francois Robida (BRGM) and Katy Booth (BGS)

Apologies

South America: Dr Agamenon Dantas – President, CPRM, Brasil and representative of ASGMI

Action number	Agenda Item	Action	Owner
1.1	1. Introductions	Draft and send mail to South American representative (Dr Dantas, CPRM) expressing disappointment about absence	IJ/AM
1.2		Draft and send mail to Professor Riccardi, (President IUGS) thanking him for his mail of support	IJ/AM
1.3	3. Terms of Reference	Revise Terms of Reference as per Steering Group discussions/comments and promulgate to Steering Group and OMG	IJ
1.4		Set up password protected Steering Group page(s) on OneGeology website for Steering Group resources	KB
1.5		Place presentations and all other material (photographs, agenda) in the Steering Group pages	KB
1.6	4. Election of Chair	Alex Malahoff and Gabi Schneider were elected as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively. OneGeology community and other bodies to be informed	IJ
1.7	5. Global status and progress	Produce an explanatory list of all acronyms related to OneGeology	KB
1.8		Confirm Cuba participation in OneGeology and follow up if necessary	MP
1.9		Use CGMW influence to encourage increased Russian participation and serving of data (using liaison by EuroGeoSurveys and letter from Chair of OneGeology Steering Group if helpful)	MP (MK/AM)

1.10	6. Regional status and progress	Produce list of countries which are proving difficult to contact/engage and pass to all Steering Group for action	KB	
1.11		Attempt to directly enlist countries on list and/or pass contact details on to OneGeology Secretariat for action	All Steering Group	
1.12	7. Future governance	Move forward to establish OneGeology as a not-for-profit legal entity, with an associated but separate OneGeology “Foundation” to raise funds (this allows geological survey organisations separation from the fund-raising). Develop an options paper for the Steering Group so that this governance construct can be taken forward	IJ	
1.13		Brief respective global regions on decision at action 1.12 and inform them that necessary detailed options and implications of implementation are being explored prior to final recommendations	All Steering Group	
1.14		On receipt of options paper on governance model (Action 1/12), take final decisions and brief and make recommendations to each global region	All Steering Group	
1.15		Ensure that the ‘Firewall’ between the SG and Fund-raising “Foundation” is both clearly defined and transparent (learning from IYPE experience)	IJ	
1.16		Attempt to improve Asian representation, through discussion within CCOP.	HK	
1.17		Look at ways to increase involvement of India and Pakistan.	HK	
1.18		Investigate how to involve more Middle Eastern countries (including regional meetings if necessary)	MP (RM/SG)	
1.19		Draft mail to be sent to Central American countries by Chair of Steering Group	KB (AM)	
1.20		8. Funding	Meet with ESRI, listen to their offer on software and training and report back to the Steering Group	IJ
1.21			Send the Secretariat copies of USGS MOU agreements and similar for reference	SK
1.22	Discuss with Dr Ed de Mulder the IYPE model and experience (what proved acceptable to their user community, how their new fundraisers have performed and of any parallels/conflicts with OneGeology)		IJ	
1.23	Report back on UNESCO experience in setting up secure frameworks and agreements between ESRI and the UN		RM	
1.24	Establish closer liaison and relationship for OneGeology and UNESCO and also links to UN, GeoParks		RM/IJ	
1.25	Produce a strategy paper on funding OneGeology with analysis of the different potential strands (geological survey, international bodies, commerce)		IJ/FR	
1.26	Ensure that the Steering group endorsement of the statement that “The prime focus of OneGeology is improving access to scientific data and scientific advancement, and that OneGeology should be as free from political and commercial influence as is possible” is widely understood and promulgated in the OneGeology community and beyond		IJ	

1.27	9. Relationships	Convert “Relationships with Associated International Bodies” paper into final document and issue as policy document to OMG and web site	IJ/KB
1.28		Ensure OneGeology portal links are appropriate and acceptable to CGMW and OneGeology (FR and Philippe Rossi of CGMW)	FR (PR)
1.29		Amend Terms of Reference to include CGMW and UNESCO as ex-officio members	IJ
1.30		Develop new draft MoU and structure (i.e. revising MoU of 2007 to reflect action 1.29 and reality of OneGeology operation)	IJ
1.31	10. IPR and Copyright	Convert the IPR and Copyright paper/policy to a final document and issue to the OMG and web site	KB
1.32	11. Success Criteria	SK and AM to organise their marine map data and provide to OneGeology as soon as possible	SK/AM
1.33		Amend Success Criteria in line with Steering Group discussion/comments and promulgate to Steering Group and OMG	IJ
1.34	12. Future work and actions	Produce draft Action list as soon as possible after meeting (meeting notes to follow later)	KB
1.35		Draft email of thanks, on behalf of SG, to John Broome for his work in preparation of the papers for this meeting.	IJ
1.36		OneGeology will endeavour to engage more specifically with GEO/GEOSS. IJ and RM will DISCUSS	IJ
1.37		SG to assist in representation of OneGeology at international conferences. Secretariat will notify of forthcoming events and the make material available.	KB
1.38	14. Date and Location of next meeting	Organise next Steering Group meeting in Wellington, New Zealand in April 2010 and advise Steering Group of date ASAP	AM
1.39		Discuss arrangements for 2011 Steering Group meeting in Japan with JGS colleagues and advise Steering Group	HK
1.40		Consider holding half yearly telephone conference of Steering Group. (This was a suggestion of MK after meeting closed; IJ will arrange if Steering Group agree it?)	IJ

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