



Year 2016

OneGeology CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

between

**OneGeology (BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY and BUREAU DE
RECHERCHES GÉOLOGIQUES ET MINIÈRES)**

And

<< CONSORTIUM MEMBER NAME >>

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PARTIES

(1) BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (“BGS”) a component institute of the NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL (“NERC”), of Environmental Science Centre, Nicker Hill Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5GG, UK,

and

BUREAU DE RECHERCHES GÉOLOGIQUES ET MINIÈRES whose administrative office is at 3 avenue Claude-Guillemin, Orléans-la-Source, à Orléans, France (“BRGM”).

(BGS and BRGM are the ‘Lead Parties’)

; and

(2) <<name and address of Member>> (“Member”)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

// GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ORGANISATION

// ACADEMIC OR TEACHING (other than geological survey)

// GOVERNMENT BODY OR AGENCY (other than geological survey)

// INTERNATIONAL BODY OR AGENCY

// COMMERCIAL COMPANY

// NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMPANY

Details of membership types are available at Schedule One. Please tick as appropriate.

1 PREAMBLE

OneGeology is a global initiative which is initially improving the accessibility of a fundamental geoscience dataset - geological map data and now expanding to encompass all digital geoscience data including 3-dimensional datasets. It is improving the discovery, access, and interoperability of that data and last, but not least, accelerating the transfer and exchange of know-how and experience to achieve these things through state-of-the-art digital technologies including Web services. Since its inception in 2006 OneGeology has evolved considerably. One hundred thirty eight (138) organisations from 117 nations are now participating, serving more than 250 datasets to a dynamic Web map portal. The number of datasets is increasing steadily in extent, resolution and theme. OneGeology's websites are used by researchers, government, teachers, industry, and the public.

OneGeology is the major initiative of the geological surveys across the world, national and state/provincial/territorial. It is a flagship project of the International Union of Geological Sciences. It is actively supported by UNESCO and the Commission for the Geological Map of the World. It is regarded as an exemplar project in the domain of science and spatial data infrastructures by the International Council for Scientific Unions (ICSU), by the Global Earth Observation initiative (GEO), by the European Commission, and by the Open Geospatial Consortium.

Since 2007 the Lead Parties have provided the leadership, secretariat services and technical maintenance of OneGeology and its services. They have undertaken to continue to do so, but now seek the financial support of others who participate in and benefit from OneGeology: through subscription from its Members and other contributions from the geological survey community, the OneGeology Consortium seeks to improve One Geology's present coordination, governance and financial position.

The **Objectives** for which the Consortium is established are those of OneGeology; they are:

- To be the provider of geoscience data globally;
- To ensure an exchange know-how and skills so all can participate;
- Use of the global profile of 1G to increase awareness of the geosciences and their relevance.

By joining and becoming a Member of this Consortium, organisations will ensure the sustainability of OneGeology. Members will be helping to realise its full potential and play an integral part in its further development as the global platform to improve access to fundamental geoscience data, to the exchange of knowledge and skills to deliver that data, and to improve the interoperability of scientific data for the benefit of the users of geological knowledge across the world. Membership will ensure that the data and services delivered by national and state/provincial/territorial surveys are available on a high profile global platform. It will give Members personnel access to the expertise and experience of international geoscientists and informatics experts. It will leverage Members organisations' research, survey and service contribution through its global presence, and its track record in spawning projects supported by regional and national funding agencies.

2 BACKGROUND

A Board of OneGeology (previously known as the Steering Group) representing the geological surveys of the world, on a seven regions basis, provide the governance of OneGeology. The Board and the Lead Parties thus wish to make available to subscribing Members (hereinafter referred to as Principal Members) on a membership basis, Membership of a OneGeology Consortium.

This Consortium Membership Agreement sets out the terms, rights, and fees associated with membership (described in Annex 1) and also describes the governance of the Consortium; it encourages Members who wish to join the Consortium, further the Objectives of OneGeology and to provide access to data and expertise. At the same time it supports the Board and the Lead Parties which have agreed to contribute to, govern, and coordinate OneGeology - all actions which are subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in OneGeology conveys many benefits: membership and active participation means a Member organisation has access to the world's leading digital data management technology and resources. Members will help drive the direction of geoscience cyber infrastructure to clearly define the problems, establish the solution criteria, and set priorities. Membership helps Members adopt and comply with emerging technical designs and standards. Membership also provides opportunities to interact and work directly with the leading organisations and individuals in the digital geoscience data world.

Membership in OneGeology is conveyed to signatories of the OneGeology Accords adopted in 2007 in Brighton, United Kingdom. **Members** have all rights and responsibilities described in the current document, but may not vote for members of the Board unless they are Principal Members and pay the appropriate fees. Members are eligible to participate in working groups and committees. Membership in OneGeology is non-lapsing but resignation is effective with 30 days of written notice to the administration.

Members who pay the membership fees described in Annex 1: Schedule One Membership Fees become **Principal Members**. In addition to the rights provided to all Members, Principal Members vote on governance and financial issues and may access a number of free or reduced cost registrations to OneGeology conferences and meetings, as determined by the Board.

Non-profit, academic, or governments organizations that support the objectives of OneGeology may become **Associate Members**. Associate members may provide data but are not mandated to do so. Associate Members will be eligible to receive all OneGeology correspondence and participate in OneGeology activities within the limits of the OneGeology Brighton Accord (see Annex 4) and terms of reference for operation. The fees for Associate Membership are described in Annex 1.

Commercial entities are very welcome and may become **Corporate Members**, eligible to receive all OneGeology correspondence and participate in OneGeology activities within the limits of the OneGeology Accord and terms of reference for operation. The fees for Corporate Membership are not fixed and need to be agreed with the Board. Corporate Members are eligible to send up to four representatives to attend the Technical Implementation Group meetings of the OneGeology consortium.

4 GOVERNANCE

OneGeology is not a legal entity: it is a non-corporate body supported through the trust of its Members and, in particular, the Lead Parties. It will be governed by the Board and supported by the permanent administration provided by the Lead Parties. The Board will comprise members (hereinafter referred to as Board Members) representing geological survey organisations (both national and where appropriate state/provincial/territorial) from each of seven regions - Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America (the definition of the seven regions is given in Annex 3. In recognition of the substantial logistical and financial support provided in the past and continuing to be provided to OneGeology by the Lead Parties, additional two Board Members will be nominated from and by the Lead Parties. The Managing Director is automatically appointed a Board member by her/his position.

Each of the seven regions may nominate one person to hold office as a Board Member. The process of appointing that Board Member is the responsibility of each region as is their duration of office, providing that duration is not less than 6 months. The regions may request OneGeology management to recommend and coordinate the appointment process for that region.

Each Board Member must accept responsibility to actively promote and participate in OneGeology and its governance and fully and fairly represent the region from which they are drawn. The time and expenses of Board Members are funded by their parent organisations. Board members are obliged to periodically, but not less than twice a year, report about the OneGeology status to Principal Members from the region they represent in the OneGeology Board.

The ten Board Members will appoint a chair person from within their number and agree on the term and protocols which apply to the office of chair person. The Board will develop a terms of reference with assistance from the administration. The Board will determine their operational and meeting procedures. Every Board Member has one vote at a Board meeting and may call a Board meeting or any other person as authorised by the Board ToR (or virtual meeting) at any time, subject to fourteen (14) day notice. A quorum will be a minimum of majority of Board Members, dependent on their number¹. The chair person will hold a casting vote should a simple majority not be reached.

OneGeology Membership and Governance Structure (2014)

¹ Number of Board Members may vary due to inactiveness of certain Regions.



5 RESPONSIBILITY AND POWERS OF THE CONSORTIUM, THE BOARD, AND MANAGING STAFF

The Consortium, its Board, and management staff have the responsibility to further the Objectives of OneGeology. The Board and Consortium has the power to do anything within the law that may promote or may help to promote any or all of the Objectives, but nothing outside the Objectives.

Income from membership fees and other sources will be used to supplement the administrative services and technical coordination functions (roles summarised in Annex 2) supported at a core level by the Lead Parties. The Board may also choose to employ such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the Consortium, in particular ensuring the effective and efficient executive leadership of OneGeology (i.e. the Managing Director). The Board will establish the roles needed and select the personnel and their terms of employment. The costs of supplementing core services and functions and/or employing such personnel will not exceed the resources made available to the Board through this Consortium Agreement.

The OneGeology Managing Director is a Board member by his/her function for the term, defined by the Consortium Members at the annual meeting. Managing Director cannot be nominated as the chairperson of the Board.

Financial and accounting arrangements of the Consortium will be transparent to all Members and be audited annually by qualified individuals selected by the Board.

6 LIABILITY

Each Member providing data via OneGeology services is responsible for ensuring that data are eligible for access on a global scale and they have sought the necessary permissions to allow such use. Where Members wish to provide more than a “view” service, they should provide terms of use with their data.

The financial liability of each Member of the Consortium is limited to their annual membership fee.

Nothing in this section conveys that the parties to this Agreement are joint and severally liable.

The limits of liability do not apply in the event of death or injury or the gross negligence of any of the parties to this Consortium Agreement.

7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Data distributed as part of OneGeology will remain in the ownership of the originating geological survey or organisation. Each Member will only provide through OneGeology data that it has the full authority to provide. Each Member is aware and accepts that data provided will be made accessible on the Internet.

Any data or information generated by any of the parties to this Agreement shall and will remain in the ownership of that party.

8 TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall commence on January 1st 2014 and shall continue, unless otherwise agreed, for a period of five (5) years. At the end of the first year, membership will move to an automatic annual membership and renewal fees for each year will be notified to members prior to the start of each new year. Each party must notify the other party of intention to terminate, in writing, at least 60 days before the end of the membership year. If a Member joins OneGeology Consortium during the year the membership fee is calculated proportionally to the month in which the Member signs the Agreement.

In the event a breach of a party's obligations under this Agreement is identified, the Board shall give the defaulting party 30 calendar days notice to remedy the breach. If such breach is substantial and is not remedied within that period or is not capable of remedy, the Board will have the option to terminate the defaulting party's participation. Any unused fees paid by the defaulting party will not be reimbursed.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will survive the termination by a Lead Party or Member of Agreement for any reason and will continue indefinitely.

9 FORCE MAJEURE

The Lead Parties shall have no liability to the other Members under this Agreement if they are prevented from or delayed in performing their obligations under this Agreement, or from carrying on its business, by acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond their reasonable control.

10 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, and any documents annexed and/or referred to in it, constitute the whole agreement between the parties and supersede any previous arrangement, understanding or agreement between them relating to the subject matter they cover.

11 ASSIGNMENT

Members shall not, without the prior written consent of the Board assign, transfer, charge, sub-contract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

12 SEVERANCE

Should any provision of this Agreement become invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement. In such a case, the Members concerned shall be entitled to request that a valid and practicable provision be negotiated which fulfils the purpose of the original provision.

13 NO PARTNERSHIP OR AGENCY

Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall operate to create a partnership between the parties, or authorise either party to act as agent for the other, and neither party shall have the authority to act in the name or on behalf of or otherwise to bind the other in any way.

14 THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

This Agreement does not confer any rights on any person or party (other than the parties to this Agreement and, where applicable, their successors and permitted assigns).

15 LANGUAGE

This Agreement is drawn up in English, French* and Spanish* languages. In the event of disputes regarding interpretation, both versions shall be deemed authentic. English language shall govern all other documents, notices, meetings, arbitral proceedings and processes relative thereto.

16 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a disagreement about the interpretation or performance of the Agreement, the Members shall endeavour to settle their dispute out-of-court through the Board.

If the Members concerned have not reached a settlement of such dispute, the dispute should be the subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate national court of the Member who would be defending the legal matter.

This agreement is valid from the date upon which it is signed

January 2016

Signed

Name

Position

***Available on request**

Annex 1: SCHEDULE ONE MEMBERSHIP FEES

The annual membership fees are set out below. These are the minimum fee levels and organisations may choose to provide financial support for OneGeology which exceeds this. Subsequent annual membership fees will be subject to the rates agreed by the Board and prevailing at the time of renewal. Members will be notified prior to the start of each new year the fee appropriate for the forthcoming annual membership.

FEE STRUCTURE FOR YEAR 2016

ORGANISATION TYPE	SIZE*	CIRCLE WHICH ANNUAL FEE APPLIES (€)
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ORGANISATION	LARGE (≥ 100 FTE)	10000
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ORGANISATION	SMALL (< 100 FTE)	5000
ACADEMIC OR TEACHING ORGANISATION	LARGE (≥ 100 FTE)	10000
ACADEMIC OR TEACHING ORGANISATION	SMALL (< 100 FTE)	5000
GOVERNMENT BODY OR AGENCY	-----	10000
INTERNATIONAL BODY OR AGENCY	-----	10000
COMMERCIAL COMPANY	-----	**
NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMPANY	-----	5000

* Large = >100 full time employees (FTE)

** Subject to individual negotiation through the MD

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	CRITERIA	FEE (€)
Member	Signer of Brighton accord	0
Principal Member	Members with voting rights	see above
Associate Member	Supports objectives	see above
Corporate Member	Supports objectives	tbd

If you need OneGeology to raise an invoice provide the following information:-

Organisation Billing Address:

VAT (tax) number if you have one:

Payee name that the invoice is to be addressed to:

Fee Amount:

Any other references that you wish to be quoted (e.g. purchase order numbers):

Payments should be made payable to:-

British Geological Survey

Bank Details :

Bank Acct	General Euro
Used for	Intra-NERC ("book") transfers / BACS
Acct Name	GBS RE NERC EUR GENERAL
Acct Address	NERC POLARIS HOUSE NORTH STAR AVENUE SWINDON WILTSHIRE SN2 1EU
Bank Name	CITIBANK
Bank Address	CITIBANK LONDON BRANCH CANARY WHARF LONDON E14 5LB
Sort Code	18-50-08
Acct No.	12842505
IBAN	GB66 CITI 1850 0812 8425 05
SWIFT/BIC	CITIGB2L

Quoting Reference :

Annex 2: Administration and Board and group Terms of Reference

The administration will:

- Provide the day-to-day coordination of OneGeology, including operational and financial matters and liaison with Members
- Support the OneGeology Board chair person and Managing Director
- Strive to recruit new members and extend and enhance data services
- Monitor progress and issues and assist Managing Director to provide regular oral and written reports to the Board and Members
- Assist Managing Director to liaise with the technical coordination team to ensure service continuity and development
- Support Managing Director to coordinate and chair an operational management group drawn from Members
- Assist Managing Director (with the help of Board) to develop appropriate business plans
- Assist Managing Director to maintain and develop effective communication within the OneGeology Consortium and with its users and
- Maintain and develop effective communication with media (including the website www.onegeology.org, newsletters, presentations, articles and exhibitions)

OneGeology Board Terms of Reference:

1. The OneGeology Board is drawn from OneGeology Principal Members.
2. The Board will appoint a Chair from within its members who will act as a single point of contact for the Group. The Chair serves for a term of two years and her/his position can be renewed.
3. The responsibilities of the OneGeology Board are to represent, consult and report to OneGeology Consortium Members and to strategically direct the OneGeology.
4. The OneGeology board is responsible for determining the operational structures necessary to deliver the Objectives defined in consortium agreement section 1.
5. The Board will appoint a Managing Director.
6. The Board will approve Terms of Reference for any working groups or committees it deems necessary to establish and will appoint their Chairs. Such committees will be chaired by Board members.
7. The OneGeology Board is responsible for the financial viability of the Consortium and is authorised to establish membership fees and to seek other sources of funding in support.
8. The Managing Director will report at least quarterly to the OneGeology Board.
9. The Board will meet up to four times a year or as needed with at least one face-to-face meeting per year.
10. The Board may invite observers to participate in its meetings.

OneGeology Technical Implementation Group (TIG) Terms of Reference:

1. The primary goal of the OneGeology Technical Implementation Group will be to specify, develop, test, agree, document and support the implementation of the technical capabilities that are required to deliver the OneGeology Objectives.
2. The OneGeology Technical Implementation Group shall consist of persons nominated by OneGeology Members.
3. The OneGeology Technical Implementation Group will be co-chaired by nominated representatives of the organisation that is providing the administrative and technical support services to data contributors to OneGeology and by the organisation that is hosting the OneGeology Registry and Portal.
4. The TIG will develop a work programme to be approved through the MD to the board. The OneGeology Technical Implementation Group will hold meetings at least annually.
5. The OneGeology Technical Implementation Group will report quarterly to the Managing Director.

OneGeology Science Users Group (SUG) Terms of Reference:

1. The primary goal of the OneGeology Science Users Group (SUG) will be to provide strategic scientific advice that is required to deliver the OneGeology Objectives and to ensure OneGeology is responsive and relevant to both its members and potential users.
2. The OneGeology SUG shall consist of representatives of various users groups (i.e. Industry, NGO, UNESCO, IUGS, CGMW, other regional and international groups, including past OneGeology Executive Director and Steering Group Chair). Also renowned external scientists may be invited to join.
3. Maximum number of OneGeology SUG members is nine.
4. The OneGeology SUG will be chaired by OneGeology Managing Director.
5. The SUG will develop a strategic scientific programme to be approved through the Managing Director to the Board.
6. OneGeology Board will approve OneGeology SUG members based on the suggestion by OneGeology Managing Director.
7. OneGeology Board will appoint its representative to the SUG.
8. The OneGeology SUG will hold meetings at least annually.

Annex 3: **DEFINITION OF SEVEN ONEGEOLOGY REGIONS****Africa**

Algeria DZA
Angola AGO
Benin BEN
Botswana BWA
Burkina Faso BFA
Burundi BDI
Cameroon CMR
Cape Verde CPV
Central African Republic CAF
Chad TCD
Comoros COM
Congo COG
Cote d'Ivoire CIV
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti DJI
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea GNQ
Eritrea ERI
Ethiopia ETH
Gabon GAB
Gambia GMB
Ghana GHA
Guinea GIN
Guinea-Bissau GNB
Kenya KEN
Lesotho LSO
Liberia LBR
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya LBY
Madagascar MDG
Malawi MWI
Mali MLI
Mauritania MRT
Mauritius MUS
Morocco MAR
Mozambique MOZ
Namibia NAM
Niger NER
Nigeria NGA
Rwanda RWA
St Helena SHN
Sao tome and Principe STP
Senegal SEN

Seychelles SYC
Sierra Leone SLE
Somalia SOM
South Africa ZAF
Sudan SDN
Swaziland SWZ
Tanzania, United Republic of TZA
Togo TGO
Tunisia TUN
Uganda UGA
Western Sahara ESH
Zambia ZMB
Zimbabwe ZWE

Asia

Afghanistan AFG
Bahrain BHR
Bangladesh BGD
Bhutan BTN
Brunei Darussalam BRN
Cambodia KHM
China CHN
Hong Kong HKG
India
Indonesia IDN
Iran (Islamic Republic of) IRN
Iraq IRQ
Israel ISR
Japan JPN
Jordan JOR
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North Korea)
Korea, Republic of (South Korea)
Kuwait KWT
Laos People's Democratic Republic LAO
Lebanon LBN
Macau MAC
Malaysia MYS
Maldives MDV
Mongolia MNG

Kuwait KWT
Laos People's Democratic Republic LAO
Lebanon LBN
Macao MAC
Malaysia MYS
Maldives MDV
Mongolia MNG
Myanmar MMR
Nepal NPL
Oman OMN
Pakistan PAK
Philippines PHL
Saudi Arabia SAU
Singapore SGP
Sri Lanka LKA
Syrian Arab Republic SYR
Taiwan, province of China TWN
Thailand THA
Timor-Leste TMP
United Arab Emirates ARE
Vietnam VNM
Yemen YEM
Qatar QAT

Eurasia

Armenia ARM
Azerbaijan AZE
Belarus BLR
Kazakhstan KAZ
Kyrgyzstan KGZ
Moldova, Republic of MDA
Russian Federation RUS
Tajikistan TJK
Turkmenistan TKM
Uzbekistan UZB

Europe

Albania ALB
Andorra
Austria
Belgium BEL

Bosnia and Herzegovina BIH
Bulgaria BGR
Croatia HRV
Cyprus CYP
Czech Republic CZE
Denmark DNK + Greenland
Estonia EST
Faroe Islands FRO
Finland FIN
France FRA
Germany DEU
Georgia GEO
Greece
Hungary HUN
Iceland ISL
Ireland IRL
Italy ITA
Kosovo
Latvia LVA
Liechtenstein LIE
Lithuania LTU
Luxembourg LUX
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of MKD
Malta MLT
Monaco MCO
Montenegro
Netherlands NLD
Norway NOR
Poland POL
Portugal PRT
Romania ROM
San Marino SMR
Serbia
Slovakia (Slovak Republic) SVK
Slovenia SVN
Spain ESP
Sweden SWE
Switzerland CHE
Turkey TUR
Ukraine UKR
United Kingdom GBR

North America

Bahamas BHS
Bermuda BMU
Canada CAN
Mexico MEX
United States USA

South America

Anguilla AIA
Antigua and Barbuda ATG
Argentina ARG
Aruba ABW
Barbados BRB
Belize BLZ
Bolivia BOL
Brazil BRA
Cayman Islands CYM
Chile CHL
Colombia COL
Costa Rica CRI
Cuba CUB
Dominica DMA
Dominican Republic DOM
Ecuador ECU
El salvador SLV
Grenada GRD
Guatemala GTM
Guyana GUY
Haiti HTI
Honduras HND
Jamaica JAM
Martinique MTQ
Montserrat MSR
Nicaragua
Panama PAN
Paraguay PRY
Peru PER
Saint Kitts and Nevis KNA
Saint Lucia LCA
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines VCT
Suriname SUR
Trinidad and Tobago TTO
Turks and Caicos Islands TCA
Uruguay URY
Venezuela VEN

Oceania

American Samoa ASM
Australia AUS
Cook Islands COK
Fiji FJI
Guam GUM
Kiribati KIR
Marshall Islands MHL
Micronesia, Federated States of FSM
Nauru NRU
New Zealand NZL
Niue NIU
Northern Mariana Islands MNP
Palau PLW
Papua New Guinea PNG
Samoa WSM
Solomon islands SLB
Tokelau TKL
Tonga TON
Tuvalu TUV
Vanuatu VUT
Antarctica ATA

Annex 4: Text of the Brighton Accord March 2007

1 The Accord

As a result of the kick-off meeting in Brighton, March 2007, participants agreed unanimously to an Accord, providing the governance, technical and political essentials for OneGeology. It is also a helpful document to clarify what OneGeology is about.

Eighty one participants from forty three nations and fifty three national and international bodies met in Brighton, UK, between 12 and 16 March 2007 to discuss and agree how to improve the accessibility of global, regional and national geological map data and, in doing so, increase its usefulness to society.

Participants at the workshop asserted that geological map data are essential to advancing science and education in order to better provide solutions to the challenges of mitigating environmental hazards, ensuring the sustainable supply of energy, minerals and water, and addressing the urgent challenge of our changing climate.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Participants agreed that the following 10 recommendations should be communicated to Geological Surveys and Organisations. Participants will encourage all Geological Surveys and Organisations not present in Brighton to embrace these recommendations.

- The OneGeology initiative should proceed with the following mission: **OneGeology is a Geological Survey initiative launched in the International Year of Planet Earth, which will make public and Internet-accessible the best available geological map data worldwide, initially at a scale of about 1:1 million, to better address the needs of society.**
- OneGeology will focus on making accessible existing geological map coverage and it is recognised that this will catalyse scientific harmonisation of map data globally.
- OneGeology will, as a priority, work to enable access to ~1:1 million geological map data. In addition, OneGeology will link to, and be interoperable with, applications for broad societal access and wider-resolution mapping.
- OneGeology aims to benefit society and also improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Geological Surveys and Organizations providing the map data.
- OneGeology and its participants will seek funding to support its work and goals and also develop strategies to provide mutual assistance to implement OneGeology and build participant capacity.
- Participants recognise that map data distributed as part of OneGeology will remain in the ownership of the originating Geological Survey or Organisation, and ideally be available at no cost.
- OneGeology will be managed by a Steering Group composed of representatives from Geological Surveys and Organisations and will link to an International Coordinating Committee, comprising global geoscience and related bodies. OneGeology will be cognisant of, and proactively interact with, the wider geo-spatial community. It will also set up task groups to achieve its goals. A Secretariat will be established to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the initiative; this will be based in the British Geological Survey until December 2008.
- The priority of OneGeology is to make available interoperable, Internet-accessible, scientifically-attributed data and to make progress at levels appropriate to participants' capability.
- Geological Surveys and Organisations are encouraged to work together to develop and implement the required interchange standard to make their data interoperable.
- The progress of OneGeology will be presented at the International Geological Congress in Oslo in 2008, to demonstrate the resulting increase in Internet access to the map data.

This accord was produced and unanimously endorsed by participants at the OneGeology Workshop in Brighton, UK, 16 March 2007.

The Accord is also available in other language versions.