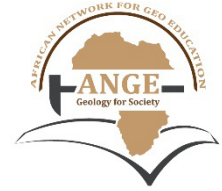




Memorandum of Understanding Between the  
**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GEOETHICS**  
and the  
**AFRICAN Network for Geo-Education**



## **Preamble**

The International Association for Geoethics and the African Network for Geoeducation, hereafter respectively referred to as IAGETH and ANGE, are two scientific organizations aiming to develop geosciences in their respective scopes: Geoethics and Geoeducation.

Considering that they share common objectives, IAGETH and ANGE decided to cooperate and collaborate for the development and strengthening of Geosciences, Geoeducation and Geoethics, particularly in Africa. Therefore, the present Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the President of IAGETH and Chairman of ANGE.

## **Objectives of IAGETH**

According to the IAGETH Statutes (and later IAGETH EC agreements), the aims of the Association as stipulated in Article III are:

- \* to promote and encourage the advancement of Geoethics – primarily through educational and publishing activities and research;
- \* to foster geoethical ways of thinking and acting – especially in Geosciences (because of their significance for any support and help in developing realistic sustainability concepts);
- \* to improve teaching and training in Geoethics;
- \* to realize the goals defined by the International Declaration of Geoethics, as approved in October 2011 by the AGID Working Group for Geoethics;
- \* to collect, evaluate and disseminate the results of geoethical activities on a worldwide basis by:
  - encouraging the formation of National Groups of Geoethics and their affiliation with the Association;
  - the organization of conferences, symposia, workshops and other meetings;
  - the creation and operation of specialist commissions and other organisational units for the study of matters of interest to the Association;
  - the publication of scientific and technical achievements of members of the IAGETH in their own, periodical and relevant news, other regional and local newsletters and web pages;
  - interacting with other scientific, technical and social-cultural associations as may be appropriate (if needed, “liaison officers” can be nominated or “Ambassadors” exchanged).

## **Objectives of ANGE**

According to the ANGE Statutes, the objectives of the Network are:

- \* To promote geoscience education in Africa and internationally at all levels;
- \* To work for the enhancement of quality in the international provision of geoscience education;
- \* To encourage developments that raise public awareness of geoscience, particularly amongst younger people.
- \* To encourage the participation of all ages in Geoscience.
- \* To enhance the professional progress of educators in Geosciences.
- \* To enhance Africans experience in Geoscience Education.

## **Justification for this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

Professional competence, geoeducation and ethical conduct which is one of the main concerns of ANGE, falls in line with the issues that are defined as the major aims and objectives of IAGETH. The need for cooperation and collaboration between both organizations will therefore enhance their activities.

## **Objective of the Memorandum of Understanding**

The objective of the MoU is to bring the two organizations together to raise the awareness in African geoscientists to the importance of giving due attention to Geoeducational and Geoethical aspects and issues during their professional activities.

## **Areas of cooperation**

1. Both organizations will have a link to the other organization in their respective websites.
2. When organizing scientific events, both organizations will include their respective logos.
3. Members of each organization will have free access to the materials produced by the other organization.
4. Both organizations will support each other in international fora for the development of their respective activities.
5. Other similar activities as might be deemed necessary and agreed upon by both organizations in the future.

## **Focal points**

Both organizations will appoint a focal point, who will be responsible for the formal and informal contacts between the organizations.

The focal points shall be appointed within a month upon the signature of this MoU.

### **Entry into force**

The Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon signature by the Parties.

### **Duration of the MOU**

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed for an initial period of four years and will be automatically renewed, for the same period, except indicated otherwise by either party.

### **Termination of MoU**

Each Party shall have the right to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months written notice to the other Party at any time. If the Memorandum of Understanding is terminated by either Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress.

### **Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding**

The Memorandum of Understanding may be modified or amended by written agreement between the Parties.

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