



# Minutes

## OneGeology Board Meeting #9 Cape Town, South Africa

**Date:** 02 September 2016

**Venue:** [Radisson Park Inn](#), (Pearl Board Room) 113 Erven, Roggebaai, Foreshore, Cape Town, South Africa, 8000

**Time:** 17:00 – 20:00

### INVITED

Marko Komac (MK)	Managing Director OneGeology
Chris Pigram (Chair)	Board Chair – CEO, Geoscience Australia
Dr Eikichi TSUKUDA (ET)	Director General, Geological Survey of Japan
Tomasz Nalecz (TN)	Director of Informatics Polish Geological Survey
Dr Oleg Petrov (OP)	Director General of VSEGEI, Russian Federation
Matt Harrison (MH)	Director of Informatics, British Geological Survey
Francois Robida (FR)	Dty Head of Division, Information Systems and Technologies Division, BRGM
Tim Duffy (TRD)	OneGeology Project Manager, British Geological Survey
Dr Mosidi Makgae (MM)	Chief Operations Officer, Council for GeoScience
Dr Maria Glicia da Nobrega Coutinho (MG)	International Operations Director, CPRM, Brazil (joining remotely by)

James Passmore (JP) Senior OneGeology Developer, British Geological Survey- Note taker

### GUESTS

Prof John Ludden (JL)	Executive Director of the British Geological Survey
Prof. Pierre Toulhoat (PT)	Deputy CEO and Scientific Director General of BRGM
Dr. Daniel Lebel (DL)	Director General Geological Survey of Canada
Two assistants/translators	for Dr Oleg Petrov

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies (C Pigram)

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for travelling to the meeting in Cape Town. There were no apologies as all board members were present with the exception of Dr. Lee Allison of AZGS whose sudden and recent passing was noted with extreme regret and with sincere condolences for his family and colleagues. The loss to OneGeology will be keenly felt.

#### 2. A new Board Member representing North America

The two current North American area Principal Members USGS and NRCAN/GSC have agreed that Canada will become the new North America board representative and the board will be informed of the nominated person shortly (action DL).

#### 3. Review of outstanding actions and matters-arising plus formal agreement of minutes from last Teleconference Board meeting – June 2016 (C Pigram)

ITEM	ACTION	LEAD	DEADLINE
8.2	TN to speak to TNO regarding 2016 subscription	TN	CLOSED
8.3	FR to speak to IGME regarding 2016 subscription.		CLOSED

7.1	Tim to check that services in from the East Asia site are registered in the OneGeology portal with Joel Barnibas of GSJ	TD	CLOSED
7.3	Francois to inform the Board as soon as the size/scope of th SDI component in the PanAfGeo EGS-OAGS became available to him.	FR	CLOSED - The project has now become defined as mostly a training project with three informatics training packages one of which is on data web service standards, OneGeology EGS members will liaise with this package to ensure consistency
7.6	Action Tim to write to all current data providers (70+)	TD	ONGOING
7.12	Circulate Business Prop to PM's and seek	CP	ONGOING
7.13	Follow up with LA/NSF the new CRE/Belmont	MK+LA	MH TO FOLLOW UP
7.14	Chair to follow up with Clair McLaughlin (AU Brussels	CP	MH TO FOLLOW UP
7.15	Explore alternatives sources of funding: 1) Charity	BOARD	ONGOING
7.17	Update OneGeology promotional information to	MK	CLOSED
7.20	IGC sessions need to repeat the OneGeology agenda:	MH	CLOSED

#### 4. Overview- OneGeology as an Enterprise (as agreed in Tucson 2014)

It was confirmed that OneGeology will maintain its current operations. Enough Principal Members have paid the increased fees such that, whilst up to 5 previous members have indicated they are going to contribute but have not yet actually paid for this Calendar year, it is believed that the annual loss or contribution well above 10,000 euros that BRGM (usually 50,000 euros per annum ) and BGS (usually over 100,000 euros) have made each OneGeology financial year since 2008 will be reduced to an 'acceptable level' of 50,000 euros each, or less if these outstanding invoices are paid, due to the new fee structure and the planned imminent ending of the OneGeology Managing Director post.

A OneGeology mini-consortium (BGS, BRGM, GA, GSC, CPRM) will develop the proposed new 3D initiative and publish it in a digestible form to OneGeology Principal Members with the aim of expanding this consortium.

Mk reported on the issue of the IUGS membership fee (where they had planned for the old fee and were considering how to address the new one at this IGC round of IUGS meetings).

**Action 9.1:** TD/FR to provide helpful evidence of non-geological survey use of OneGeology to IUGS this may only be able to involve analysing the occasional but regular queries that OneGeology inbox receives from non-GSO survey staff.

The Chair proposed a 4 Year formal evaluation period for ongoing sustainability of OneGeology i.e. that the continuation of OneGeology would be looked at again at the next IGC in four years. This would involve the commitment from BGS and BRGM management to sustain any necessary external underfunding at this acceptable level over the next four years as much as any such longer term financial commitments can be made year on year.

JL revisited the commitment from all including the BRGM and BGS directors present, that this financial commitment implied over the next 4 years, to which the Board fully agreed.

**Agreed:** The Board agreed this commitment of the next 4 years.

The 2018 Resources for Future Generations meeting in Vancouver will be a mid-way global opportunity for promoting OneGeology.

5. **Short overview of the 35th IGC OneGeology meetings (T Duffy/M Komac)**

A IUGS-CGI/OneGeology technical all day workshop was held on Sunday 28th August as part of IGC 35 offered workshops and was attended by 14 registered students, a further 13 students dropped in. Detailed OneGeology standards implementation training was given to at least three new key African Geological survey informatics experts who would be taking forward OneGeology as data service 'buddies' for their areas. One student from Tanzania was supported by a UNESCO IGCP grant.

A OneGeology Principal Members Meeting was held on 30th August 2016 and was well attended by representatives of 12 Principal Members (with one attending remotely).

**Agreed:** It was agreed by those in attendance that the direction of OneGeology was satisfactory and the new fees suitable for the sustainability of OneGeology. Attendees talked of further involvement in providing new services (e.g. in the Arctic regions) and involvement in the new 3D initiative.

**Agreed:** It was agreed to attach future Principal Members face-to-face meetings to an international meeting perhaps every 2 years with that meeting possibly being the Geological Information Consortium (GIC) meeting.

A OneGeology Africa Meeting (arranged with the help of current OAGS president Anna Ngungo) was held on Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September with attendance from those already involved in OneGeology and new keen to be involved countries; for Nigeria (Benin, Togo, Niger, Chad), Malawi, Angola and other countries that could be buddied for included Madagascar, Zambia and Sudan. A very good contact was made north of the Sahara, where OneGeology has struggled to gain traction, in Morocco but unfortunately the attendee fell ill and could not attend – this of course will be followed up. Two attendees were part sponsored by a UNESCO IGCP grant.

It has been announced that the post of President of OAGS is to be passed to Nigeria. It is hoped that as Nigeria is committed to being enthusiastically involved with OneGeology, there will be enhanced cooperation with OAGS for OneGeology Africa.

GMIS meeting report. Through the past involvement of the OneGeology Managing Director, Onegeology has been named throughout the document as an official partner. Matt Harrison attended the open Geological and Mineral Information System (GMIS) session at IGC35. The draft proposal talks of beneficial links with the OneGeology platform and contact was made with the leader of the initiative in order to pursue links further.

6. **OneGeology 3D (C Pigram)**

Dr Pigram reported that by the end of October 2016 the formal proposal will have been drafted by an academic group led by Geoscience Australia and a phone meeting will be planned for those wishing to be formally involved around mid-November 2016 (CP). MG confirmed that CPRM wish to be formally involved and requested that CPRM be written to with the likely financial contribution (in money and/or in-kind) that each participant would be required to make.

**Agreed:** It was agreed by the board that the OneGeology brand would continue to be used for this forward-looking initiative

**7. OneGeology- the next four years**

JL asked how to cite OneGeology data and services going forward. Discussion was around Digital Object Identifiers (DOI), the Research Data Alliance (RDA), and general academic content publishing. These opportunities will be reported on in future meetings.

**8. Thank you to the OneGeology Managing Director**

CP on behalf of the board gave sincere thanks to Marko Komac, as the fixed-term 3 year OneGeology Managing Director post came to an End at this IGC 35 as planned. The board acknowledged the effort put in, MG mentioned the success of Marko’s work, especially in South America.

The Board were reminded that for OneGeology to continue to thrive without the Managing Director position, that their increased efforts and improved communication between the Board would be necessary.

**9. Review of New Actions**

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**10. AOB & Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be at a PGI site in Poland, precise venue and date to be announced (TN) with the likelihood that it be in late January or early February 2017.