



Year 2018

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 2018 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.

2018

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

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 2018

| 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 :**

| EURO ACCOUNTS | |
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| Bank Acct | General Euro |
| Used for | Intra-NERC ("book") transfers / BACS |
| Acct Name | UKRI NERC EUR GENERAL |
| Bank Address | Government Banking Service Branch PO Box 2027 Parklands, De Havilland Way Howich, Bolton BL6 4YU |
| Sort Code | 60-72-03 |
| Acct No. | 85014028 |
| IBAN | GB95 NWBK 6072 0385 0140 28 |
| SWIFT/BIC | NWBKGB2L |

Quoting Invoice number 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 -
- Strive to recruit new members and extend and enhance data services
- Monitor progress and issues and assist provide regular oral and written reports to the Board and Members
- Liaise with the technical coordination team to ensure service continuity and development
- Assist in the development of appropriate business plans
- 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 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.
6. 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.
7. The Administration will report at least quarterly to the Board.
8. The Board will meet up to four times a year or as needed with at least one face-to-face meeting per year.
9. 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 board. The OneGeology Technical Implementation Group will hold meetings at least annually.
5. The OneGeology Technical Implementation Group will report quarterly to the Board.

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**

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| Kuwait KWT |
| Laos People's Democratic Republic LAO |
| Lebanon LBN |
| Macau 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

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

Europe

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| Albania ALB |
| Andorra |
| Austria |
| Belgium BEL |

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| 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

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| Bahamas BHS |
| Bermuda BMU |
| Canada CAN |
| Mexico MEX |
| United States USA |

South America

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| 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

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| 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 - Updated by the Board of OneGeology September 2017

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 and by doing so formally agree to participate in the OneGeology (www.onegeology.org) initiative.

1. 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 digital geological map data and all forms of relevant Geoscience digital data worldwide to better address the needs of society.

2. OneGeology will start on making accessible existing geological map coverage and it is recognised that this will catalyse scientific harmonisation of map data globally.

3. OneGeology will, as a priority, work to enable access to all geological map data. In addition, OneGeology will link to, and be interoperable with, applications for broad societal access and wider-resolution mapping.

4. OneGeology aims to benefit society and also improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Geological Surveys and Organizations providing the map and other Geoscience data.

5. 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.

6. Participants recognise that map and Geoscience data distributed as part of OneGeology will remain in the ownership of the originating Geological Survey or Organisation, and ideally, but not necessarily, be available at no cost in accordance with the GEOSS data sharing principles (https://www.earthobservations.org/geoss_dsp.shtml).

7. OneGeology will be managed by a Steering Group composed of representatives from Geological Surveys and Organisations OneGeology will be cognisant of, and proactively interact with, the wider geospatial community. It will also set up task groups to achieve its goals. An administration, data provider support and WWW portal will be established to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the initiative.

8. The priority of OneGeology is to make available interoperable, Internet-accessible, scientifically-attributed data and to make progress at levels appropriate to participants' capability.

9. Geological Surveys and Organisations are encouraged to work together to develop and implement the required interchange standard to make their data interoperable.

10. The progress of OneGeology will be presented widely and at each International Geological Congress, to demonstrate the resulting increase in Internet access to the data.