



AFRICAN-EUROPEAN GEORESOURCES OBSERVATION SYSTEM

The Spatial Data Infrastructure for Mineral Resources in Africa

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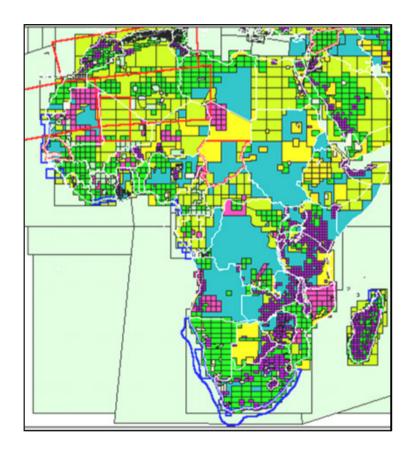




Global Geospatial Conference (GSDI) / AfricaGIS Conference 2013 4th – 8th November 2013 UNECA Conference Center Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Context





Africa's main known mineral deposits (2008 status, all commodities – *BRGM SIGAfrique database*)

- Africa has an important share of the global mineral resources and reserves: 40% of the world known reserves in bauxite, manganese, gold and diamond; 36% cobalt, 45% vanadium, 77% platinum, and 79% rhodium.
 - necessary for national and international economies
 - significant part of the Gross Domestic Product in most of the African countries
- Missions of Geological Survey Organisations:
 - Collect data (national inventories)
 - Store & Manage (national custodians)
 - Valorise (generate added value)
 - Ensure availability (in paper & digital form)
 - Promote sustainable use of non-renewable resources (attractivity development)
- Availability of reliable information represents an important part of the infrastructure a country has the duty to supply.

EU – ACP initiative in the EC 7th Research and Technological Development Framework Prog.





- Consortium of 23 partners + 6 subcontractors
 - 12 European geological surveys, university and research centre
 - 11 African counterparts: geological surveys, ministries of mines, school of mines, universities
 - 5 International organisations: European Commission-Joint Research Centre, EUMETSAT, CIFEG, UEMOA, SEAMIC
- Work package co-leadership EU + Africa
- 9 Advisors: GSAf, UNECA, African Union, OAGS, ACP Secretariat, EuroGeoSurveys, UNESCO/IHP, GEO Secretariat, ICSU/ROA
- Two Phases:
 - (1) Design 2008-2012 / European Commission/FP7
 - (2) Implementation 2014-2016 / European Commission/10th EDF?

African-European Georesources Observation System











- Strengthen the sustainable use of underground resources in Africa by setting up the SDI for Georesources based on interoperable geoscience data and user-oriented products & services
- Safeguard, share and valorise the knowledge and data archived in African and European geological surveys
- Support geoscientific communities and institutional decision-makers for sustainable development public policies
- Implement common strategies for capacity building and training programmes
- Provide geological knowledge & skills to the geoscientific communities, institutional decisionmakers, public and private enterprises and investors, education and research

Policy drivers in Africa & Europe



Development Policies EU, AU, WB, RECs, Countries



Projects
Informed decisionmaking



Knowledge management
Best Practices
Data & Skills
Technology

- Joint Africa-EU Strategy Action Plan (EC and AUC, 2010): Africa-EU Partnership on Raw Materials incl. Mineral Resource Wealth, through "Good Governance", "Investment" and "Geological Knowledge and Skills"
- "Raw Material Initiative" (European Commission, 2008 & 2011)
- Horizon 2020 (European Commission 2014-2020) including the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials
- "Africa Mining Vision 2050" (African Union and UN Economic Commission for Africa, 2009)
- "Action Plan for Implementing the African Mining Vision" (African Union Commission, 2011)
- Framework of Action for the Development of Mineral Resources Sector (ACP Group of States, 2011): an implementation Road Map is being defined (in preparation)

Links & contributions of geoscience and AEGOS SDI to other programmes



 GEO – GEOSS (Group on Earth Observations – Global Earth Observation System of Systems): AEGOS integrated in GEO work plan 2009-2011 and 2012-2015



 INSPIRE (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe): specifications for implementing the interoperability of metadata, data and services through open systems



 OneGeology-Global & OneGeology-Europe: "Making geological map data for the Earth accessible". Practical implementation of relevant state-of-the-art standards and methodologies through web map portal, web services



 GIRAF (Geoscience information in Africa): Network of geoscientists supporting with their know-how the dissemination of geoscience information in Africa through workshops



 Africa Union and ACP Group of States: Action Plans for the sustainable development of the mineral resources sector



 Geo-Information policies and SDIs in Africa initiated and supported by AUC and UNECA: African Regional Spatial Data Infrastructure (ARSDI) and national SDI plans; UNCTAD Natural Resources Information Exchange (NRIE)

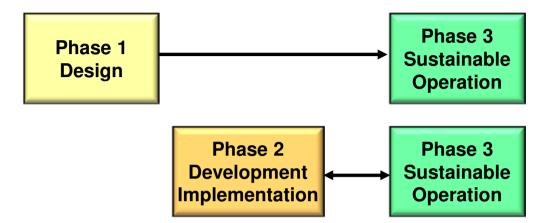


Towards AEGOS Phase 2 and ... 3



AEGOS – Phase 1, 2008-2012

Design, Networking and Strategic Positioning



AEGOS – Phase 2, 2014-2016

- Develop and implement:
 - AEGOS spatial data infrastructure
 - Knowledge transfer & best practices
 - User-oriented products and services
- Facilitate the data discovery & access
- Extend the network at national and regional levels (e.g. Regional Economic Communities)
- Set up / contribute to spin-off projects as part of the development programmes in line with EU-AU partnership, WB programmes, etc.

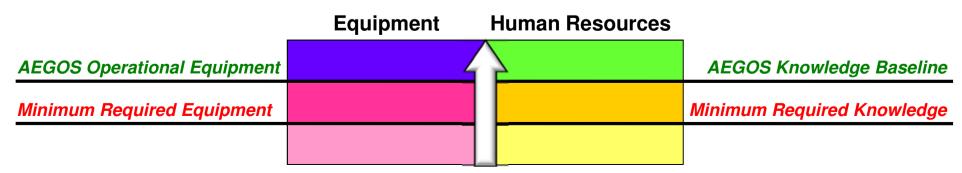
AEGOS – Phase 3

- Operational
- Autonomous
- Permanent
- African driven
- Under pan-African umbrella

AEGOS Phase 1 achievements



- Assessment of existing situation and requirements identification about technical infrastructure, information systems, human resources and skills
- Definition of data specifications for the AEGOS SDI, a common Reference Model and metadata profiles
- Technical design: system architecture and data flows
- Proposals for capacity building strategies, training reference institutions
- Pilot studies on governance maps (Senegal and Ghana)
- Innovative user-oriented products and services
- Outlines of spin-off projects proposals based on AEGOS
- Charter of Partnership including data sharing recommendations (Intellectual Property Right Management)
- Plan for Sustainable Operation of AEGOS as an organisation
- Stakeholders workshops Public Conferences Strategic positioning



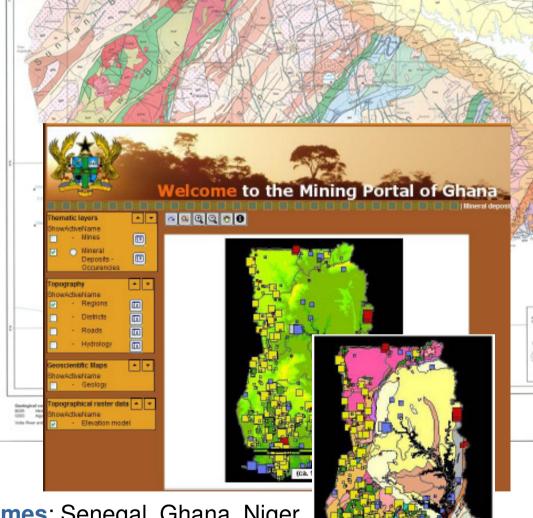




Build on the results of "sustainable management of AEGOS mineral/groundwater resources" programmes



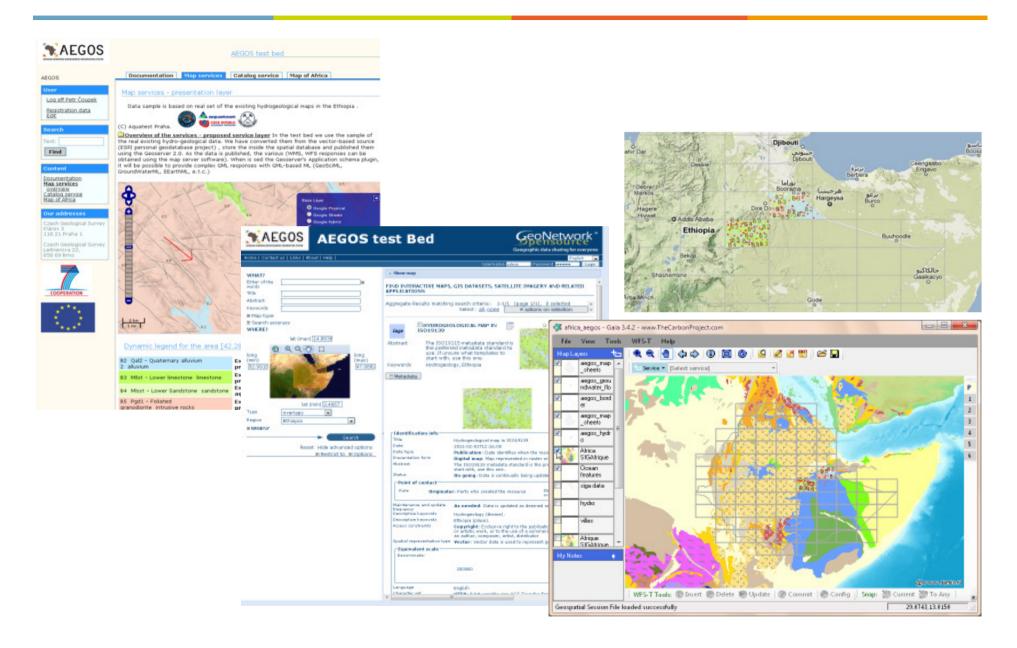




Development and Cooperation Programmes: Senegal, Ghana, Niger, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Angola, Gabon, Madagascar, South Africa, RD Congo, Namibia, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Central African Rep., Algeria, Botswana, Kenya, ...

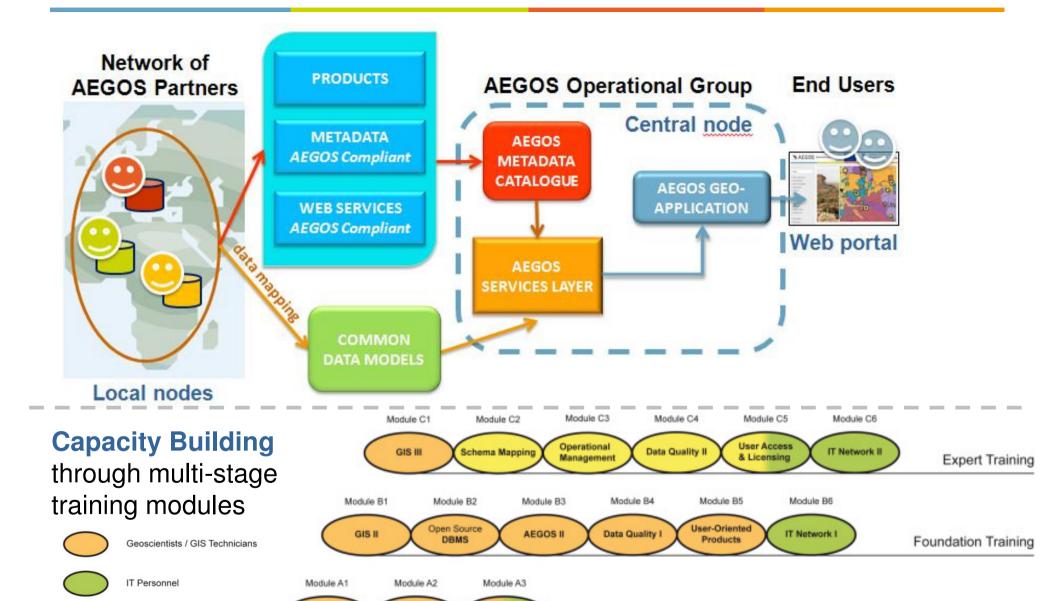
Web Portal for georesources in Africa AEGOS





AEGOS distributed infrastructure





AEGOS I

Geoscientists

GIS I

Database

Basic Training

Key issue in the SDI: Data sharing



Charter of Partnership: "Protection of intellectual property and access to geospatial digital data, while being respectful of the data owners' interests."

- AEGOS recommends the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles:
 - Full and open exchange of data, metadata and products shared within GEOSS,
 recognising relevant international instruments and national policies and legislation;
 - All shared data, metadata and products made available with minimum time delay and at minimum cost;
 - All shared data, metadata and products being free of charge or no more than cost of reproduction will be encouraged for research and education.
- Implementation and achievement by the AEGOS community collectively and by the AEGOS partners individually
- Distinguish between the data sets been fully and openly exchangeable vs. those with access and/or distribution restrictions
- Requires a categorisation process (metadata) and attached license for identification/selection by the end users
- GEOSS Data-CORE (Data Collection of Open Resources for Everyone): distributed pool of documented datasets with full, open and unrestricted access at no more than the cost of reproduction and distribution.
- Facilitated implementation for AEGOS partners being also GEO Members

Proposed organisation



African Union Commission
African Minerals
Development Centre



AEGOS Operational Group (AOG): in Addis Ababa (3-5 persons?)

AEGOS Network

AEGOS Compliant

Training Centres

Based on existing centres (English, French and Portuguese)

Centres/Teams of Excellence Based on existing team members

Recognition of skills in the field of georesources data processing

Regional Centres

Multinational teams with data management and advanced processing capabilities

Geological Survey

Data producer

Ministry of Mines

Data producer

Water Authority

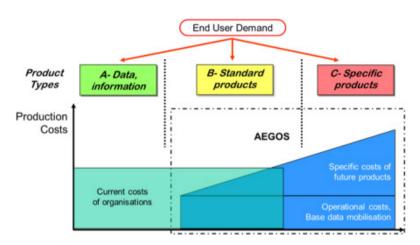
Data producer

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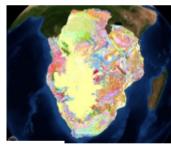
Data producer & processing

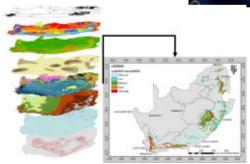
Prepare for financial independence





Product A: e.g. geological map





Products B & C: e.g. predictibility map

Sustainability => several funding components:

- Support by the national governments through adequate budget allocation induced by commercial growth based itself on the availability of high quality data and information on georesources
- Income from sales of added-value products and advanced services
- Income from long term contracts for regular users to access value-added products and services
- Support from cooperation/development funds: donations and/or participation via spinoff projects using AEGOS SDI and organisation

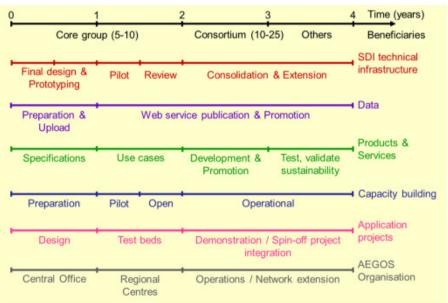
The wealth generated by mineral resources can financially benefit to prioritise the digital information management and contribute to a continental SDI

Phase 2: How to get there?



- Initiated with minimum required topics
 - → Focus first on quick and visible benefits of AEGOS to a maximum of user communities:
 - IT infrastructure
 - Data and Products
 - Applications / Use Cases
 - Training
 - → Select test organisations/ countries for first implementation
 - → Extend the experiences and successes to the remaining partners after lessons learned and feedback
- Contributors: Partners /
 Subcontractors / Data and Services
 Providers / Trainers / End-Users
- African Leadership from Phase 2 onwards



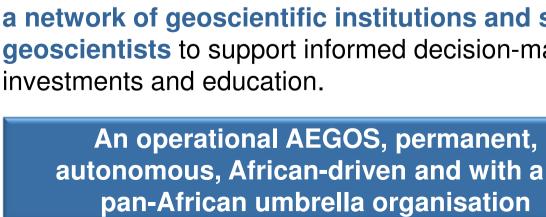


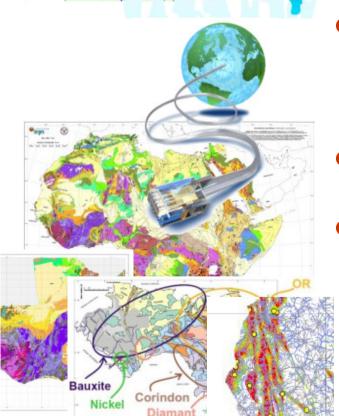
Conclusion: AEGOS will be...





- a pan-African spatial data infrastructure of public geology-related metadata, data and user-oriented products & services;
- a web-based multilingual portal for controlled access to a network of interoperable databases distributed over Europe and Africa;
- a one-stop information system to share knowledge on georesources in Africa: maps, reports, data, added-value products and services, downloads, access conditions, contacts;
- a charter of partnership re. data sharing principles and data right management;
- a network of geoscientific institutions and skilled geoscientists to support informed decision-making, investments and education.





Thank you for your attention















































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