

Subject: IUGG Union Session on Africa

Dear eGY Africa participants and Associates,

Re: IUGG General Assembly, Melbourne, 28 June – 7 July 2011.

This is a reminder that 1st February is the deadline for abstract submission for Union Session U11 "Earth and space science activities in Africa" (or Monday 17th January 2011 if you wish to apply for IUGG2011 support – see <http://www.iugg2011.com/funding.as>). U11 will be an interesting session with its strong focus on Africa. We do hope you will participate, and we would be grateful if you could circulate this invitation to your colleagues.

Happy New Year,
Convenors, Union Session U11



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Union Session U11: Earth and Space Science in Africa

<http://www.iugg2011.com/program-union.asp>

Sponsors: IAG, IAGA, IAHS, IAMAS, IAPSO, IASPEI (International Commission on Earth Sciences in Africa), AGS (the African Geospace Society), IGSU Regional Office for Africa.

Scope: The session will cover a combination of both the leading Earth and space science being undertaken and planned in Africa in the areas covered by all eight IUGG Associations, and also infrastructure issues (such as efforts to create a better professional environment for African scientists, open access to publications, internet connectivity, support for African science, education, and training). The symposium will provide (i) a forum for presenting and discussing the latest African geoscientific research, (ii) a cross-disciplinary view of geoscientific activity in Africa (Africa being the focus of the symposium), (iii) a stimulus for stronger interest and participation in African science by African and non-African scientists, and (iv) an opportunity to explore progress in creating a better professional working environment for people engaged in scientific research, education, and training in Africa.

Keywords: Geoscience in Africa, integrated African research, unique African geoscience, research and education infrastructure, Internet connectivity, research and education networks, open access to publications, professional geoscientific bodies.
Options: All contributed abstracts may be presented as posters. The convenors will invite selected papers for oral presentations.

Please note the following deadlines for the IUGG:

- Call for Abstracts Close (FOR GRANT APPLICANTS ONLY):
Monday 17 January 2011
- Call for Abstracts Close (FOR ALL OTHER SUBMISSIONS):
Tuesday 1 February 2011
- Authors & Grant Applicants Notified of Acceptance:
Monday 28 March 2011
- Author / Grant Applicants Registration & Early Bird Deadline:
Monday 11 April 2011

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