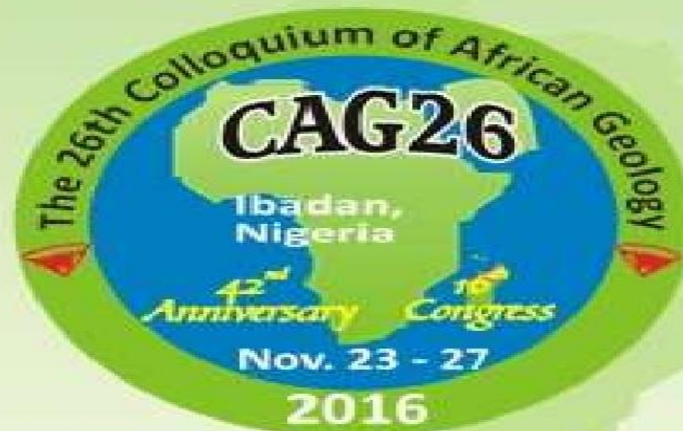


First Circular



**26TH COLLOQUIUM OF
AFRICAN GEOLOGY**
AND
**16TH CONGRESS OF THE
GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AFRICA**
Ibadan, Nigeria.

23 - 27 November 2016

*Unlocking Earth Science Potentials for
Sustainable Development of Africa*

www.cag26.org.ng

INTRODUCTION

The Colloquium of African Geology (CAG) is a major biennial meeting organized under the auspices of the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf). Since the first colloquium in 1965, this Colloquium has been hosted by several European and African countries. The African countries that had a chance to organize this event were Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Mozambique, Tunisia, South Africa, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

Based on the decision of the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf) General Assembly held on 14th August, 2014 at the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (during the 25th Colloquium), the organization of the next Colloquium of African Geology (CAG26) as well as the 16th Conference of the Geological Society of Africa was assigned to Nigeria. This will be conducted at the International Conference Center, University of Ibadan, Nigeria from the 23rd to 27th November 2016. The CAG26 will be organized by the Nigeria Mining and Geosciences Society in cooperation with governmental and nongovernmental organizations under the auspices of the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf). The Theme of the Conference is **“Unlocking Earth Science Potentials for Sustainable Development of Africa”**.

Senior and early-career earth scientists from organizations, associations, mining companies, civil societies, politics, and media will be welcome from all over the world especially but not limited to career scientists from African Countries and other developing areas. These representatives will be from different countries and will also be active at the national level. The participation of these individuals from different sectors and countries will enhance international collaborations and increase the involvement of the international community. The estimated participants will range from 300 to 600. The website for the events is www.cag26.org.ng

The First Circular presents details of the Conference, call for abstracts, call for proposal and conveners of sessions, workshop and short courses proposals.

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION

Oral and poster sessions will be focused on the following sub- themes of the congress:

- 1) Earth's mineral resources and sustainable development for future generation.
- 2) Earth Science education and policies, creative imperatives
- 3) Geoparks, Geotourism and Geoethics for Promoting Earth Heritage
- 4) Earth Science System for Global Sustainability
- 5) Geohazards, Natural and human-induced environmental hazards and disasters
- 6) Geosciences information and research
- 7) Investment in the Extractive Industry: policy issues, legislations, potentials, challenges, governance and best practices.

- 8) Fossil fuels, reserves, options in the energy mix.
- 9) Earth science, the construction industry and human settlement.
- 10) Hydro-geological research and imperative of water sustainability
- 11) Tectono-structural constraints, geologic events and basin characterization.
- 12) Integrated approaches in Geology (Geology, Geophysics and Geochemistry)

All sub-themes are allowed to have several sessions with conveners. Interested candidates, wishing to set up session, please send email with session's name, themes, short introduction, conveners' names, contacts, organizations, and email addresses to 2016cag@gmail.com. The deadline for session submission is **30th August, 2015**.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR CAG26

All abstracts for CAG26 will be reviewed and accepted by the scientific committee and successful authors will be notified. Early career earth scientists with the best abstracts will be sponsored to attend the event (depending on the available funds). Abstracts will be accepted for either oral or poster presentation. Please indicate your preference when submitting. Abstracts are to be submitted by e-mail as an attached file in Word format to the Conference Secretariat at the following e-mail address: 2016cag@gmail.com. The deadline for abstract submission is **30th June, 2016**. Acceptance will be decided by the **15th August 2016**.

POSTER SESSION

The poster session will be focusing on the sub-themes and roundtable topics of the events. All participants at the events will have full access to the posters room throughout the events. The standard for the poster is A0 format (Height 1189 mm x width 841 mm). Everyone will have two standard places for his or her posters.

Conveners for the poster sessions are the same for oral sessions.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Abstract is limited to one A4 size page, text only without any figures or tables. Top, bottom, left, and right margins 25 mm.

Title: Upper and lower case, left justified, Times New Roman font, 14 pt bold.

Contributors' names: Upper and lower case left, justified, first name first, surname last, Times font, 11pt.

Affiliation: Upper and lower case, left justified, Times font, 10 pt. Numbered superscripts should be used to indicate the affiliation of each contributor. E-mail address can be added in parentheses at the end of the corresponding contributor's affiliation.

Main text: Single spaced text, Times 10 pt font, no section headings.

500 words are limited for one abstract.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITIONS AND BUSINESS EXPO

The Business Expo will offer a unique networking opportunity for Earth scientists to meet representatives from Research Institutes and Companies. It will also allow companies to carry out marketing, business development and recruitment. The Business Expo offers an exhibition area for companies, organizations, and institutions. The Expo will be open for the duration of the events. Please connect with us by e-mail at 2016cag@gmail.com and abdullateef.amodu@gmail.com or lateef.amodu@chevron.com.

PRE AND POST-EVENT EXCURSIONS

There will be both pre and post- excursions arranged for the events. Pre- events and post-events excursions will involve:

- (a) West Africa Nigeria- Benin-Togo-Ghana Geo-traverse beginning from Ibadan and terminating in Ghana.
- (b) Visits to the sedimentary basins, oil and gas exploration platforms.
- (c) Visits to different interesting geotourism, geoparks and mining sites in Nigeria.
- (d) The Anorogenic Younger Granites Ring complex which is the best example in the world.
- (e) The details of site to be visited and costs for both excursions will be indicated in the second circular. Excursion fees will cover costs of transportation, accommodation, meals, and guidebook.

REGISTRATION

Online Registration will be active soon and will stay open till **30th August 2016**. Please visit the events website and www.cag26.org.ng and complete the online registration form. Participants who prefer to register using printed form, can access the printable registration form from the websites. The completed form must be scanned and sent to the Conference Secretariat via 2016cag@gmail.com before **15th September 2016**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES IN USD:

Category	Early bird	Late registration	On site
GSAF members and affiliates	250	300	300
Accompanying person	150	200	200
Student	100	150	150
Non members	300	350	350

Early bird registration ends on January 2016.

Events registration fees will cover costs of reception, coffee/tea breaks and lunch during the scientific sessions, and events materials. Participants are required to pay registration fees through bank transfer before **30th August, 2016**. After this date, it will be possible to pay the registration fees at the Conference registration desk at rates indicated on the table above.

Refund will be charged by 20% deduction. No refund will be made after **15th September, 2016**

IMPORTANT DATES AND MILESTONE

Session Submission Deadline: 30th August 2015

Release of Second Circular: 1st November, 2015

Release of Third/Final Circular: 15th May, 2016

Abstract Submission deadline: 30th June, 2016

Notifications of accepted Abstracts: 15th August, 2016

Early bird registration deadline: January 2016.

Online Registration and payment deadline: 30th August, 2016

Bank Transfer fees deadline: 15th September, 2016

Payment commences October 2015, payment details will be provided in the second circular. If you are having problems with the bank transfer please contact the conference secretariat before the 30th April 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence concerning:

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SPONSORSHIP

The organizers will be willing to receive sponsorship for specific events for the Colloquium. This will include the technical sessions/workshops, Conference materials, Excursions, etc. Delegate sponsorship packages are also available for organizations wishing to sponsor delegates to the Conference.

HOST CITY AND VENUE

Ibadan is located in south-western Nigeria and reputed to be the largest indigenous city in sub-Saharan Africa. Ibadan is home to several 'first' in the Country. It is home to the first Television station in Africa, before France, home to the first Skyscraper in Nigeria, to the first Stadium in Nigeria and to the prestigious University of Ibadan, the host University. The event will be held at the **University of Ibadan International Conference Centre**. Detailed information about the host city and venue can be accessed from the Colloquium website www.cag26.org.ng.

VISA INFORMATION

For the delegates who need travelling visa to Nigeria, you are advised to have a valid visa before embarking on your journey to Nigeria. Visas can be acquired from any Nigeria Embassy/High Commission, Consul General Office or Honorary Consul Offices.

ORGANIZATION AND COMMITTEES

Local Organizing Committee

1. Prof. O.A. Okunlola: (President Nigerian Mining and geosciences Society, Department of Geology, University of Ibadan) General Co- ordination/Chairman
2. Dr Jude Ogala (Delta state University) Coordination
3. Mr. A.N. Nwegbu: (Nigeria Geological Survey Agency) Scientific committee/Governmental affairs
4. Prof. A.I. Olayinka: (Department of Geology, University of Ibadan) Scientific committee/University liaison
5. Prof. M.N. Tijani: (Department of Geology, University of Ibadan) Scientific committee
6. Prof. S.B. Olobaniyi: (Department of Geology, University of Lagos) Scientific committee
7. Prof. M. A. Rahaman: (Department of Geology, Obafemi Awolowo University) Excursions/Scientific committee
8. Prof. E.C. Ashanu: (Department of Geology, University of Jos) Excursions
9. Prof. C.S. Nwajide: Scientific Committees /Excursions
10. Prof. N. Onuoha: (University of Nigeria, Nsukka) Professional bodies liaison
11. Dr. A. Adebisi: (Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye) Logistics and Accomodation
12. Dr. I. Oyediran: (Department of Geology, University of Ibadan) -- Logistics and Accomodation
13. Engr. Nkom: (Mining Cadastral Office) --Finance
14. Mr A. Arisekola: (Nigeria Geological Survey Agency) -- Finance
15. Prof. A.A. Elueze: (Department of Geology, University of Ibadan) --- Advisory
16. Prof. T.A. Badejoko: Bayat Limited ---Advisory
17. Mr. Lateef Amodu (Chevron) Exhibition
18. Dr. A.S. Olatunji: (Department of Geology, University of Ibadan) LOC Secretary/Organisation

Partners

The Conference is being actively supported by all the main Geoscience Institutions, Associations and Societies in the Country. These are the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS), Nigerian Association of Hydrogeologists (NAH), Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorers NAPE and Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers (NSME), The Department of Geology, University of Ibadan, Nigerian Geological Survey Agency and others.



The Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society



Department of Geology, University of Ibadan



Nigerian Association of Hydrogeologists



Nigerian Geological Survey Agency

**NIGERIA
HYDROLOGICAL
SERVICES AGENCY
(NIHSA)**

**FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
WATER RESOURCES**

**Water Resources Data
for
Sustainable
Development**



Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists