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We would like to update you about the progress of the PanAfGeo project and the substantial visibility it is providing EuroGeoSurveys and its members.

**2018** has been concluded with several successful achievements of the PanAfGeo since the last Mid-term meeting in Dakar (May 2018):

- 1) the participation in Artisanal and Small-scale Mining & Quarrying, the UNDP International Conference on ASM18, held in Livingstone, Zambia. With the official launch of the Handbook by Hon. Richard Musukwa (Minister of Mines and Mineral Development).
- 2) the OAGS GM held in Dakar on November 2018, where the progress of the project has been highly recognized with the honor of the Minister of Mine and Geology, Mrs Sophie Gladima and support from the President of the Republic of Senegal.
- 3) was invited by the African Union to attend and present at the Ministerial summit in Addis Abeba. We received an impressive support letter from the African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry, Mr Albert Muchanga, who distinguishes the excellent achievements of the PanAfGeo project on the African continent and reinforces a strong support for the implementation of Phase II and future advances of the EGS-OAGS relations.
- 4) the start of preparation of the Phase II of the PanAfGeo project.

We are now excited to start the year **2019** with the presence at the **Mining Indaba conference** happening from 4-7 February 2019. For those of you who will be attending the Mining Indaba,



The PanAfGeo project will be having its booth at the exhibition area. We would be very glad to meet you if you make your presence to the booth.

The event is expected to have a great media visibility and also can be followed through the EGS and [PanAfGeo website](#) / social media networks [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) & [Twitter](#). Please do not hesitate to spread the news internally or amongst your networks.

We look forward to seeing many of you or your colleagues at the Mining Indaba conference!