



Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Geological Society of Africa On the Global Geosciences Initiatives

The General Assembly of the Geological Society of Africa representing the Earth sciences community in Africa at the 23rd Colloquium of African Geology in Johannesburg, South Africa 8 to 14 January 2011;

Recalling the Maputo Declaration on the Development of Geosciences in Africa (26 July 2006), the Arusha Declaration on the International Year of Planet Earth (8 May 2008), and the resolutions of the African National Committees for the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) at their meeting of 18-19 May 2009 in Pretoria on their science activity beyond the IYPE;

Noting the decision of the IYPE Board to explore possibilities of strengthening the scientific legacy, contributing to global scientific understanding and international capacity building as well as complementing the outreach achievements of IYPE;

Recognising the many strategic opportunities to address major environmental challenges of the present time, the potential for new scientific discoveries and that UNESCO, ICSU geosciences unions and other international unions are developing focused initiatives in Africa;

1. *Welcomes* the proposed Global Geoscience Initiatives (GGI) as a contribution to the ICSU vision of an Earth System Science initiative to enhance global sustainability;
2. *Endorses* the proposal of process-based, inclusive, multidisciplinary initiatives with a clear socio-economic context and of global societal relevance;
3. *Undertakes* through the Geological Society of Africa to work actively with the African Earth science community to propose projects under the umbrella of the GGI.

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