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25th COLLOQUIUM OF AFRICAN GEOLOGY (CAG25)
15th Congress of Geological Society of Africa (GSAf15)

“Earth Sciences for Improving Livelihood in Africa”

3rd YOUNG EARTH SCIENTISTS (YES) CONGRESS

‘Bridging Geo-Generation into Global Earth Sciences Integration’

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INTRODUCTION

Young Earth Scientists (YES) Network

The Young Earth Scientists (YES) Network is an international association of young geologists (primarily under the age of 35 years) and early career Earth Scientists from geosciences organizations, universities and companies around the world. The YES Network was formed as a result of the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) in 2008. The YES Network aims to establish an interdisciplinary global network of individuals committed to solve these challenges, and furthering the IYPE motto of “Earth Sciences for Society”. The Network has over 3000 members from over 144 countries across the globe. We also have formal National Committees in 44 countries. YES members are those who are doing research pertaining to environmental and/or geoscience-related issues, and are either in school or junior experts of their careers.

a) The First World Young Earth Scientists Congress

The First World Young Earth-Scientists (YES) Congress was held at the China University of Geosciences, Beijing. The conference with the theme of “Young Earth Scientists for Society”, under the patronage of UNESCO, IUGS, was also part of the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) outreach program to young scientists. The YES Congress gathered strong support from the international earth scientific organizations such as EGS, GSL, AGI, GSC and so on, with more than 380 young earth-scientists from 38 countries around the globe and more than 200 virtual participants. Its first funding support was from Geological Survey of Norway. There were a number of senior experts from different countries who were invited to make presentations at the Opening Ceremony and also at the roundtable symposia.

b) The Second World Young Earth Scientists Congress

The Second YES Congress was held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Australia in conjunction with the 34th International Geological Congress. This conference was financially supported by BHP Billiton and the Geohost Program of IUGS. The congress consisted of several roundtables that took place mostly in the evenings to allow YES members to participate in the 34th IGC events during the day. The roundtable topics included “How can Geoscientists Best Engage with the Public and High School Pupils”; “Engaging with policy makers: A YES legacy”; “Education and Outreach in Polar Science”, “Emerging Geoscience Themes and the Role of the YES Network”, “Women in Geosciences”, and “Professional Development - International Skill Recognition”. We also hosted a Science Communication Workshop on the final day of the congress, which was very successful, with over 700 participants from all over the world.

Colloquium of African Geology (CAG)

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, the Colloquia have 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 and Ethiopia.
Based on the decision of the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf) General Assembly held on 14th January 2013 at the Millennium Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (during the 24th Colloquium), the organization of the next Colloquium of African Geology (CAG25) as well as the 15th Conference of the Geological Society of Africa was assigned to Brazil. However, because of administrative problems in organizing the 25th CAG along with the Brazilian Geological Society of Brazil Conference in September 2014, the GSAf Council members decided to move the CAG25 to another country. Based on the discussion between Prof. Aberra Mogessie (President of the Geological Society of Africa) and Prof. Sospeter Muhongo, Minister of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals of the United Republic of Tanzania, in Graz Austria, in August 2013 it was decided to organize the CAG25 back to back with the 3rd YES Congress in Tanzania. This decision was approved by the GSAf Council members. The CAG25 is an independent meeting which will be organized by the Tanzania Geological Society (TGS) under the auspices of the GSAf.

**3rd World YES Congress and 25th CAG**

The 3rd Young Earth Scientist Congress and 25th Colloquium of African Geology-CAG25 will be conducted at the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 11th - 14th August 2014 (3rd YES Congress) and 14th -16th August 2014 (25th Colloquium of African Geology). Both events will be organized jointly by the Tanzania YES National Chapter and the Tanzania Geological Society in cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organizations under the auspices of the YES Globally, Geological Society of Africa (GSAf), and other development partners. The theme for the 3rd YES Congress is: “**Bridging Geo-Generation into Global Earth Science Integrations**” and the theme for the CAG25 is “**Earth Sciences for Improving Livelihood in Africa**”.

Both events focus on the need of achieving sustainable development by promoting sustainable management of Earth resources for inclusive and equitable economic growth as well as creating greater opportunities for all. This could be achieved through enhancing an active participation of geoscientists in decision-making processes on issues related to the earth resources exploration and extraction.

The senior and early-career earth scientists from organizations, associations, mining companies, civil societies, politics, and media will be welcome from all over the world. The members, delegations from each National Commissions for UNESCO will also be invited, especially the new career scientists from African countries, South America 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 websites for both events are [www.cag25.or.tz](http://www.cag25.or.tz) and [www.yescongress.org/2014](http://www.yescongress.org/2014)
OPENING CEREMONY

It is intended that His Excellency the President of The United Republic of Tanzania Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete will be the guest of honor of both events. In addition, during the Opening Ceremony, we will invite the special invitees from Ministry of Energy and Minerals-Tanzania, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism-Tanzania, Ministry of Science and Technology-Tanzania, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, State Ministry of Environment – Vice President Office (Tanzania), Geological Survey of Tanzania-GST, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation, State Mining Corporation, Tanzania Chamber of Minerals and Energy, Commission for Science and Technology-COSTECH, UNESCO National Commission of Tanzania, Geological Society of Africa –GSAf, Geological Information for Africa – GIRAF, President of the International Union of Geological Sciences-IUGS, International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics -IUGG and all other important geosciences organizations, Ministers from each country, and all earth scientists to attend. They will be invited to address onsite. There will be a short presentation from young earth scientists representing different countries.

3rd YES CONGRESS

Oral and Poster Presentation (Proposed)

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

a) Earth Resources for the future generation.

b) Earth sciences Education and Policy for Sustainable Development.

c) Natural and human-induced environmental hazards and disasters

d) Earth Science System for Global Sustainability.

e) Geoparks and Geotoursim for Promoting Earth Heritage and Culture.

f) Medical Geology for Sustainable Development.

g) Impacts of Climate changes and adaptability.

h) Fossil Fuel: Reserves and development technique

i) Geoethics, Geoculture, Art and Education (Geohazards and Geoethics)

j) Geohazards: Understanding and Adaptation (Earthquakes, Volcano, Natural Radiations, Tsunami: understanding, adaptation and resilience)

k) Use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in Geoscience research

l) Success of Integrated G3 (Geology, Geophysics and Geochemistry) approaches

m) Tectonic, Geological event and Basin (Big Geological Event on Mesozoic structures in Asian Continent)

n) Hydro-Geo-Research (Based on the theme that UNESCO is celebrating Year of International cooperation for Groundwater and food Security)

o) Agro-Geology for increasing agricultural yields.

p) Investment in the Extractive Industry- Policy/Legislations/Governance, Best Practice, Opportunities, Challenges and Local Content.

q) Geo-engineering “Climate and Human Settlements”.

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 amel.barich@gmail.com and sylgster2000@yahoo.com. The deadline for session submission is 30th November 2013.

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Abstract Submission for 3rd YES Congress

All abstracts will be reviewed and accepted by the scientific committee, and successful candidates will be notified. Early career earth scientists with the best abstracts will be sponsored to attend the congress (depending on availability of funds). With approval of the authors, selected abstracts will be submitted for publication (Episodes and other International good indexed Journals). YES Bulletin will be also published in paper for the full scientific papers selected from outstanding young scientists.

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 addresses yesabstract2014@gmail.com.

The deadline for abstract submission is 15th March 2014. Acceptance will be decided by the 15th April 2014.

Roundtable Session for YES Congress

There shall be seven roundtables to foster a prominent conversation between science, policy and society, which will engage Earth scientists both as presenters and participants. Recommendations based on roundtable and working group discussions shall help to establish the role of the YES Network in the international Earth sciences community. Thus, the goal of each roundtable will be to propose specifications and tasks for the YES Network. Proposed Roundtables themes are:

a) Earth Resources and African Development: Prospects, Challenges and Opportunities;
b) Geosciences Training “Participation of Youth in Earth Science; Challenges, Opportunities and Way forward”
c) Oil and Gas Discoveries in Africa “Emerging Economy”
d) Global Environmental Challenges.
e) Polar Research highlights (Joint event with APECS).
f) Geoscientific challenges in the 21st Century.
g) The Role of YES Network (Success, Challenges and Way forward).

The access to the roundtable rooms will be open to all registered participants of the congress.

Virtualization of Roundtables for YES Congress

There will be a virtual component to the roundtable sessions for those participants who will not be able to join the event in person. Virtual participants will need to register in advance on the event website in order to download visual and the audio contents. The presentations will be hosted via an online data distribution provider so that they can be downloaded during the week prior to the event.

During the presentations, remote participants will be able to listen to the live audio and the pre-recorded video and slide presentations. After the presentations, there will be an interactive component during the Panel discussions.

Webinar Meeting for YES Congress

With the support of American Geological Insitute-AGI, the event will have a webinar service for all people who can’t attend the meeting onsite.
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**Oral and Poster Presentation (Proposed)**

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

- a) Earth Resources for sustainable Development.
- b) Geoparks and Geotourism for Promoting Earth Heritage and Culture.
- c) Medical Geology for better health.
- d) Resilience to Climate Change Impacts.
- e) Fossil Fuel: Reserves and development technique.
- f) Geohazards: Understanding and Adaptation (Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Natural Radiations, Tsunami: understanding, adaptation and resilience).
- g) Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Geosciences.
- h) Success of Integrated G³ (Geology, Geophysics and Geochemistry) approaches.
- i) Tectonics, Geological Events and Basins Development.
- k) Agro-Geology for increasing Agricultural yields.
- l) Investment in the Extractive Industry - Policy/Legislations/Governance, Best Practice, Opportunities, Challenges and Local Content.
- m) Geo-engineering “Climate and Human Settlements”.
- n) Precambrian Geology, Petrology.
- o) Open sessions.

All sub-themes are allowed to have several sessions with conveners. Interested candidates, wishing to set up sessions, please send email with session’s name, themes, short introduction, conveners’ names, contacts (organizations, and email addresses to nelson.boniface@udsm.ac.tz and/or asmacheyeki@yahoo.com. The deadline for session submission is 30th November 2013.

**Abstract Submission for CAG25**

All abstracts for CAG25 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 cag25abstract2014@gmail.com (CAG25). With approval of the authors, full papers will be submitted for publication in the proceedings special volume (African Journal of Earth Sciences, AJES).

The deadline for abstract submission is **15th March, 2014**. Acceptance will be decided by the **15th April 2014**.

**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

a) Abstract is limited to one A4 size page, text only without any figures or tables. Top, bottom, left, and right margins 25 mm.
b) Title: Upper and lower case, left justified, Times New Roman font, 14 pt bold.
c) Contributors’ names: Upper and lower case left, justified, first name first, surname last, Times font, 11pt.
d) 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.
e) Main text: Single spaced text, Times 10 pt font, no section headings.
f) 500 words are limited for one abstract.
g) One pictures and one graph could be add to support or make an explanation.

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. Our e-mail address is yescag2014@gmail.com

Telephone: +255-683-466717/+255-784-983379
Fax number: +255-26-2323020.

PRE AND POST-EVENTS EXCURSIONS

There will be both pre and post- excursions arranged for the events. Pre-events excursions will involve visiting sites for oil and gas explorations, and post-events excursions will involve visiting different important geosites, geoparks and mining sites in Tanzania. The costs for both excursions will be indicated in the second circular. Pre/post-events excursion fees will cover costs of transportation, accommodation, meals, and guidebook.

Pre-Conference Excursions
This will involve visiting selected active exploration sites (onshore and offshore) for oil and gas in Tanzania. This will provide an important opportunity for participants to understand operations of oil and gas sector in Tanzania.

Post Conference Excursions
Field Trip 1 (4-5 days): This will involve visiting part of the Mozambique Belt – Granulites, Metasediments and the associated mineral deposits (Fe, Au, Gemstones and Industrial Minerals). This will enable participants to understand the geology of the Mozambique Belt in Tanzania and appreciate its mineral resources potential.
a) **Route One:** Field visit to the Msoga marble quarry and Msata granulite quarry.

b) **Route Two:** Field visit to the granulites and gabbro-anorthosite complexes in Ulunguru Mountains with their associated Iron ore deposits. Also the participants will have an opportunity to view the dense forest of Uluguru Mountains which is part of the Eastern Arc Mountains and home of some endemic species of birds and trees.

c) **Route Three:** Field visit to Mautia hill composed of ultra-high pressure white schists, the only site in the world which hosts mineral “Yoderite”. In this field visit participants will have an opportunity of viewing the Magubike mafic granulites, Pandambili charnokites, the Kiborisor-Ukaguru Massif and the granulated shear zone which marks the boundary between Archean Craton and Mozambique Belt.

**Field Trip 2 (4-5 days):** Field visit to Geita Gold Mine located in Lake Victoria Greenstone Belt (Open cast mine).

**Field Trip 3 (2-3 days):** Field visit to Williamson Diamond Mine in Mwadui Shinyanga (open pit diamond mine).

**Field Trip 4 (1-2 days):** Field visit to Merelani Tanzanite mine which produces Tanzanite the unique gemstone found only in Tanzania.

**Field Trip 5 (5-6 days):** Field visits to Oldonyo Lengai (unique active carbonatite volcanism in the world), Kerimasi and Gelai Volcanoes, and Lake Natron an important breeding site for Flamingos.

**Field Trip 6 (4-5 days):** Field visit to Olduvai Gorge (the cradle of mankind) a geological cross-section of rock beds with a deep and wide river galley where the first hominid skull "Zinjanthropus" was discovered as well as the magic ‘shift sand at its vicinity. Also on the way the participants will have a view of the East Africa Rift Escarpment and Ngorongoro Crater.

**Tourism Package**
The organizers wish to provide an opportunity for interested participants to visit different tourist sites in Tanzania. These include; Mount Kilimanjaro National Park, Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority, Serengeti National Park and the historical city of Zanzibar. All necessary information’s and costs will be indicated in the second circular.

**REGISTRATION**
Online Registration is active and will stay open till 30th June 2014. Please visit the events websites [www.yescongress.org/2014](http://www.yescongress.org/2014) and [www.cag25.or.tz](http://www.cag25.or.tz) and complete the online registration form. Candidates 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 yescag2014@gmail.com before 30th June 2014. Please take note that, applicants should indicate whether the registration is for YES Congress only, CAG25 only or for both events.
Conference Registration Fees in USD:

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*Societies who have signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the GS AAF

Note: For participants intending to attend both events will have to pay an extra fee of **100 USD**.

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 June 2014** (see the bank transfer address below and the payment form in the website).

After this date, it will be possible to pay the registration fees at the conference registration desk with rate indicated on the table above. Refund will be charged by 20% deduction. No refund will be made after **30th June, 2014**.

Bank Transfer address:
Young Earth Scientist Network (YES-Tanzania),
Exim Bank Tanzania,
Namanga Branch
A/C Number: 0337789991
SWIFT CODE: EXTNTZTZ,
IBAN No: 94500700100957546500.

Please remark as “Registration fee for YES Congress (or GCA25), or Registration Fee for YES & GCA 25”.

**IMPORTANT DATES AND MILESTONE**

a) Session Submission Deadline: **30th November 2013**
b) Release of Second Circular: **01st January, 2014**
c) Release of Third/Final Circular: **15th March, 2014**
d) Abstract Submission deadline: **15th March, 2014**
e) Notifications of accepted Abstracts: **15th April, 2014**
f) Decision on Sponsorship request: **30th April, 2014**
g) Online Registration deadline: **30th June, 2014**
h) Bank Transfer fees deadline: **30th June, 2014**
CORRESPONDENCE

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Dr Athanas Macheyeki: asmacheyeki@yahoo.com (CAG25).
Dr Wellington Hudson: wellington@tpdc-tz.com (CAG25).

b) All correspondence concerning Registration and Payments for Events Participation can be addressed to:

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P.O.Box 35052,
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Tel: +255-754-308861/+ 251-713-493231 (Mobile)
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d) Any further queries apart from the above can be addressed to

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University of Dar es Salaam,
E-mail: nelson.boniface@udsm.ac.tz

FUNDING CHANCES

Sponsorship for Young Students
A Number of sponsorships will be available to scientists participating in the events who are from developing countries and whose abstracts have been accepted by the scientific committee. To apply for these sponsorships, please contact Dr Athanas Macheyeki (asmacheyeki@yahoo.com) for CAG25 and Mr Sylvester Chaisamba (sylgster2000@yahoo.com) for YES Congress. Applicants are not eligible to apply for sponsorship until they have received notification that their abstract has been accepted. It is our interest to include work from young scientists engaged in global scale studies / projects in all disciplines of geo-sciences. These studies should be of wide interest for society.
Abstracts are expected to have science-based content; all abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee to assess their scientific merit and applicability to the events. We encourage applications that provide innovative insight into the events themes. We especially encourage presentations that propose solutions that are applicable across a range of scales (local to global). Sponsorships will be awarded based on acceptance of abstract, status of applicant, availability of sponsorship funds. Preference will be given to applicants from developing countries.

**Organizational Sponsorship**
Delegate sponsorship packages are available for organizations wishing to sponsor delegate. This may either be an external, to company, delegate and sponsorship would therefore be allocated by the organizing committee, alternatively organization are welcome to sponsor individuals from within the company to attend the events. These are both dependent on acceptance of abstracts.

**TRAVEL, LODGING AND ACCOMMODATION**

**Local Climate**
Climate in Dar es Salaam is moderate; in August daytime temperatures generally reach highs of around 29°C that's about 84°F. At night the average minimum temperature drops down to around 19°C, that's 66°F. For August sunshine for an average of 9 hours per day.

**How to get VISA**
For those international delegates who need travelling visa to Tanzania, you are advised to have a valid visa before embarking on your journey to Tanzania. Visas can be acquired from any Tanzanian Embassy/High Commission, Consul General Office or Honorary Consul Offices. To find a nearby Tanzanian embassies or consulates general, you can visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at [http://www.foreign.go.tz/index.php/tanzania/category/travelling_to_tanzania](http://www.foreign.go.tz/index.php/tanzania/category/travelling_to_tanzania). Also you can obtain valid Tanzanian visa on arrival at the airport.

**How to reach MJNI Convention Centre**
The Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Airport (with international and domestic terminals) is about 25 km from Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre. During 11-16 August 2014 there will be our reception personnel at the airport to answer your questions and guiding. Taxi is available at the airport, the fare to Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre is about 30$, the airport buses are also available, 5$ to City Centre, and then, walking to the conference. For more help and proper arrangement of the transport, participants are required to inform the organizers on their flight schedules.

**Accommodation Information**
Through the effort of the National Organizing Committee-LOC, some hotels have been chosen as the ones the event recommends. They can give the people who come to Tanzania to attend this events a discount. The price per person per day is about 60~150$/night. The detailed information of the hotel will be seen in the web page. Room reservations can be made starting in January 2014.
**ORGANIZATION AND COMMITTEES**

**Advisory Committee (AC)**
Considering the relative experience of both YES International Organizing Committee-IOC and GSAf in international events planning, a very well qualified committee will provide the oversight and guidance of experienced advisors, needed for coordinating these international events. We would like to have a board of members more from Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Tanzania, Geological Survey of Tanzania, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation, Rural Energy Agency, Tanzania National Electric Company, Tanzania Geological Society, Geological Society of Africa, Universities in Tanzania, UNESCO, Executive committee member from YES and CAG25, in the Senior Advisory Committee. Some of the members of the Senior Advisory Committee will be invited as keynote speakers.

List of the Advisory committee members

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