Earth Science education events
UNESCO Headquarters, Bonvin building, Room XVI
23 February 2012

Morning Session: Update on UNESCO’s Earth Science Education Initiative in Africa
(M. Sheya, Tanzanian delegation, moderator)

09:00 Reception of participants

09:30 Welcome from UNESCO ADG/SC and presentation of result
- Findings of regional scoping meetings (S. Gaines, UNESCO)
- Initial activities (F. Toteu, UNESCO)
  - African Network of Earth Science Institutions
  - Geologic field mapping
  - Inclusion in primary and secondary education
- CIFEG intervention
- International cooperation in central Africa (L. Andrè, RMCA)

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Feedback and discussion with international geoscience community, Member States, African virtual campus, other Intergovernmental science programmes.

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

Afternoon session: Workshop on Earth Science education globally Connections between research and education: the essential, synergistic element for the future (A. Riccardi, IUGS president, moderator)

14:00-14:40 Brief presentations to set the scene
- UNESCO introduction
- R. Ridky, US Geological Survey
- J. Martinez-Frias, IUGS Commission on Geoscience Education
- S. Hlawatsch, International Geoscience Educators Organisation

14:40-15:00 Discussion

15:00-16:00 Success stories
- Geosciences Information For Teachers (C. Laj)
- Commission of the Geological Map of the World and OneGeology (P. Rossi)
- Earth Science Education Unit + Earthlearningidea website (C. King)
- Global Geoparks Network (M. Patzak)
- International Year of Chemistry Global Water Experiment (R. Sigamoney)

16:00-16:20 Discussion

16:20-16:35 Coffee break

16:35-18:00 Discussion and Conclusion