



SECOND CIRCULAR

The African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAWG)

**Organize
Its 5th Conference**

**“Women & Geosciences
for Peace”**

**Grand-Bassam, Côte d’Ivoire
April 11 – 17, 2010**

PREAMBLE

The development of a continent relies on the availability and the commitment of both men and women. Africa is a natural resources rich continent where there is still both a need and an opportunity to learn from past mistakes in the management of these resources in order to improve the living conditions of its peoples and to establish a sustainable peace on the continent. In that way, the African Association of Women in Geosciences “AAWG” decides to organize its fifth conference in Grand Bassam (Côte d’Ivoire) from 11th to 17th April, 2010 with the theme: *‘Women & Geosciences for Peace’*.

The fourth Conference was organized in Egypt in 2008, the third one was held in Morocco in 2006, the second conference was organized in Uganda in 2004 and the first one in 2002 in South Africa.

In order to make the fifth conference a real success and to sustain its activities in this country, the AAWG decided to create a national section in Côte d’Ivoire “AAWG-CI”.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

- Women and Geosciences for Peace
- Water Resources Management
- Geosciences, Education and Employment
- Environment and Ecology (Littoral Protection. . .)
- Geo-Resources
- Geological heritage & Geotourism
- Medical Geology

PROGRAMME

- 1 day workshop on remote sensing applied to environment
- 3 days presentations of papers at Grand Bassam
- 2 days post-conference field trip

SCHEDULE & CALENDAR OF THE EVENT

Participants will meet for 1 day workshop and 3 days conference and 2 days post-conference field trip.

The total duration of the meeting will be one week from November 11 to 17 April 2010.

11 April 2010: arrivals and registration

12 April 2010: Workshop

13-14-15 April 2010: Communications and Posters at Grand Bassam.

16-17 April 2010: Field trip.

17 April 2010: overnight at Abidjan.

TRAVEL

There are a lot of international flights to Abidjan from many international capitals. A bus will bring the participants from the airport to Grand Bassam at the end of the afternoon of 11th April 2010.

FIELD TRIP

Two post-conference geological field trips will be organized:

- One through the basement formation (Sassandra-Baie des Sirènes-Ombloke San Pedro);
- One through the sedimentary basins (Bingerville-Alépé-Samo-Eboenda-Bassam).



ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

- Maximum number of the participants to the geological field trip is 40.
- We have received already a lot of titles of communications. In order to accommodate a maximum number of interesting papers we are compelled to allocate a maximum of 15 minutes to the oral presentation followed by an additional 5 minutes for discussion. Transparency projectors and data show (Power Point format) equipment will be available.
- The poster session presentations will run parallel to the oral session.

SPONSORSHIP POSSIBILITIES

AAWG members who will participate by an oral and/or a poster presentation could benefit from the partial sponsorship possibilities offered by the organizing committee (½ accommodation price, Payment of the registration fees). Some flight tickets will be also offered.

AWARDS

3 Prizes will be offered to the best oral presentation, the best poster presentation and to the best participation to the organization of the fifth AAWG conference.

REGISTRATION FEES

- 100 € for private companies
- 80 € for academics
- 60 € for AAWG members
- 30 € for students

The registration fees will include abstract volume, coffee breaks, and conference lunches.

ACCOMMODATION FEES

32 000 FCFA 50 €/day / Person

FIELD TRIP FEES

Geological field trip: 65 000 F CFA 100€/ person

The field trip fees will include the guide book, the transport and the accommodation during the field trip. The last night in Abidjan is not included.

The meeting and the field trip fees should be paid at Grand Bassam (Côte d'Ivoire) during the meeting. However, a written confirmation of participation is needed.

LANGUAGE

The languages of the presentations are English and French.

ACCOMPAGNYING PERSONS

A touristic tour will take place parallelly to the conference (Baie des Lagune-Ile Boulay-visite du port-Baie des milliardaires, cimetièrre des bateaux).

- Touristic tour fees : 100 000 F CFA 150€/ person

ABSTRACTS

All authors are requested to submit an abstract in English or in French which will be reproduced in an Abstract Volume to be distributed to the participants.

The deadline for abstracts is **28 February 2010**. All abstracts should be prepared according to the guidelines given below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

General Guidelines

It cannot **exceed 3 pages** (figures, tables and references included), A4 size paper (21.0 x 29.7 cm), printed on one side, written in English or in French.

- The topic covered should be relevant to the sub-themes of the meeting.
- The name, address (telephone, fax and e-mail) of the communicating author must be clearly specified. All correspondence will be maintained with this author only.
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: **28 February 2010**.

Guidelines for preparation of the abstract

The abstracts should be laid out in accordance with the main formatting points listed below. A limited amount of re-formatting will be undertaken by the conference secretariat, but submissions that are grossly aberrant will be returned to authors.

- It must be submitted electronically in MSWORD
- The preferred font is TIME; title 14pt / affiliations 12pt / text 10pt, with single line spacing.
- The text must be typed leaving a 3 cm on the right and 2.5 cm on the top, bottom, and left margins.
- Headings may be used
- Figures and tables may be included and embedded in the text file
- References may be included at the end of the extended abstract

- For any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact the conference secretariat on its emails addresses (oga_oms@yahoo.fr, aawgci@yahoo.fr, contact@aawg.org).

Submission of the Abstract

The abstracts must be sent as attachment to oga_oms@yahoo.fr, aawgci@yahoo.fr, contact@aawg.org **before 28 February 2010**. The name of the electronic file must include the name of the first author, e.g. Siby.doc.

Those who have already submitted their abstracts will receive a notification soon.

POSSIBILITY OF PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

More details will be communicated during the conference.

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I would be interested in attending the Conference

I will present a paper.

I will present a poster

Title of the paper or the poster:

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I would like to participate to the field trip

Yes No

Please, type or complete in print letters

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