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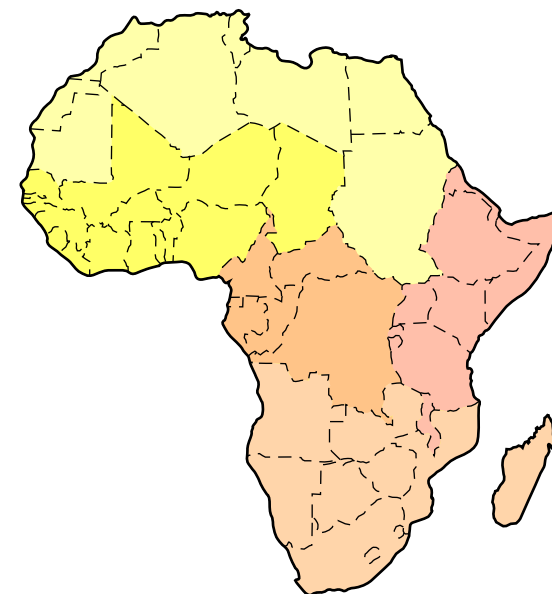
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The Geological Society of Africa (*GSAf*) was founded in 1973. Its principal objectives are:

- To promote the understanding and practice of geoscience in Africa and its application to social and economic development and the environment, including the responsible development of mineral, energy and groundwater resources.
- To encourage and assist professional development of African geoscientists and the role of women in geoscience throughout the continent.
- To promote geoscience education
- To encourage collaborative research.

GSAf is affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and is closely linked to national geoscientific societies and associations in Africa.

It maintains and continually seeks to develop links with other international and regional scientific and donor organizations.

GSAf is led by an executive, composed of a President, a Secretary-General, an Assistant Secretary General/Membership Secretary and a Treasurer. These officials are supported in the Council by five Regional Vice-Presidents (for Northern, East, Southern, Central and West Africa) and, presently, by Councillors resident in Congo Brazzaville, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa and Uganda. The Immediate Past President also serves on the Council while the Editor of the Society's newsletter **Africa Geonews** and the newly appointed Europe Liaison Officer are ex-officio members. The Council is elected at a General Assembly of the membership every three years, coinciding with the Society's triennial international conference.

New members, individual and institutional, are always welcome. Present members are drawn from the anglophone and franco-phone countries and from those speaking Portuguese and Arabic and from Australia, Europe and the Americas. Members receive the Society's newsletter twice yearly and this and other information about the Society and its activities is also available on the internet at www.elsevier.nl/locate/gsa.

Members are encouraged to publish their work in the **Journal of African Earth Sciences** (published by Elsevier, Amsterdam) and in **African Geoscience Review** (published by Rockview International, Paris) and individual members are eligible to subscribe to both journals at discounted rates. All members qualify for reduced registration fees at meetings organized by the Society.

GSAf has revived in April 2001 its fellowship program to acknowledge those participating in the promotion of geoscientific research and education in Africa.

The Society has also established in July 2001 "The Robert Shackleton Award for Outstanding Precambrian Research in Africa" to honor the late Professor Robert Shackleton who had an unmatched contribution to the advance of geological knowledge of the Precambrian terrains in Africa. This award which is offered once every two years is intended to encourage and reward particularly young scientists who are conducting Precambrian research in Africa, specially those who are based in African countries. Information about the fellowship and the award are available on the Society's website.

A major function of *GSAf* is to organize or otherwise support, within the extent of its resources, international and local meetings in collaboration with African geoscientific communities at the national and regional levels, and with international organizations beyond the continent.

The Society holds two major alternating meetings. The first of these meetings is the Society's own International Conference and General Assembly. This is held every three years at rotating venues within Africa. The second major event is the Colloquium of African Geology which is held in the intervals between the Society's International Conference. The Colloquium alternates between Africa and Europe.

The society also has a tradition of affiliating with national geoscientific societies and associations in African countries and encouraging the establishment of new societies.

Your participation in the Society in support of its aims to promote the geoscience in Africa and its application to social and economic development, is warmly invited. Please join now by contacting any of the officials listed in this flyer. Application forms are also available on the Society's website www.elsevier.nl/locate/gsa.

Forthcoming Major Events
19th Colloquium of African Geology
El Jadida, Morocco, March 2002

13th International Conference and General Assembly of GSAf
Cairo, Egypt, January 2004