

eGY-Africa - 2009 Workshop

The IUGG support requested will support attendance by African scientists at the 2009 eGYAfrica Workshop and eGY-Africa planning meetings. These will contribute towards the eGYAfrica objective of reducing the Digital Divide in Africa and improving research and education capabilities and opportunities for African (geo)scientists.

The ultimate goal of the eGY-Africa effort is to make African communities wealthier, safer, and more sustainable through full participation in the information revolution. The specific objective is to achieve better Internet access for scientists (and others) in Universities and similar research and education institutions in Africa by influencing decisions about resource allocation and aid support.

The aim of the 2009 eGY-Africa Workshop and planning meetings is to share information about the progress of eGY-Africa; raise awareness about the status of Internet access in African Universities, plans, and policies; heighten the common sense of purpose among eGY-Africa participants; strengthen and expand national groupings; and refine the acting agenda.