



12<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Dear Colleague

**RE: CALL FOR PARTICIPATION AFREF DATA HOLDING AND DATA ANALYSIS CENTRES**

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The African Geodetic Reference Frame (AFREF) Steering Committee calls for participation to solicit support in the establishment of Data Holding and Data Analysis Centres. AFREF is considered important for the sustainable development of Africa by providing a common reference system for mapping and production of geographic information.

Participation is open to national mapping organizations, government agencies, education and research institutions and other organizations in Africa whose technical resources allow supporting AFREF activities. Participants may take part in one or both areas for which they have the capacity to undertake.

Currently there are about 70 permanent GNSS stations in Africa that submit data on daily basis to the AFREF Operational Data Centre located at the Chief Directorate of National Geospatial Information, Department of Rural Development and Land Reform of the Republic of South Africa. The enclosed documents provide information on the activities, responsibilities and functional areas in which participation is sought in Data holding and Data Analysis Centres. Further details of the standards and other protocols to be followed will be communicated to those organizations who respond to this call of participation.

Those organizations interested in participating in the above mentioned AFREF activities should submit a letter of intent to the undersigned by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 expressing their interests.

Yours faithfully

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