



# **GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF KENYA**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**

**at**

**Ole – Sereni Hotel, Mombasa Road**

**Fellow Geologists, Members, Colleagues**

**Fellows of the Geological Society of Kenya,**

**Professional and Graduate Geologists, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good Day. It is my pleasure to welcome all of you today, to this Annual General Meeting of the Geological Society of Kenya, being the 51st since GSK's registration. With humility, it is my duty and pleasure to officiate this year's AGM and share the President's report for the year ending 31st December 2024.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for taking time off your busy schedules to attend this meeting. Your presence is a great honour and underscores your commitment and strong ties to the Society.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The following are the highlights of our major events, challenges and opportunities for the year 2024: -

### **1. SOCIETY'S VISIBILITY**

I would like to state that our Society's visibility is on the rise locally and internationally. The 3rd GEOEACE Conference & Expo 2024 was a game changer, and the ongoing preparations for the 30th Colloquium of African Geology (CAG30) has put GSK on the global map. The office has kept our website dynamic and we are happy to report that the new look has attracted an increase in viewers.

This same year, we aggressively worked on our social handles alongside the upcoming CAG30 and we appeal to our members to follow the Society and repost or reshare information posted on our twitter, LinkedIn and instagram.

### **2. ENGAGEMENTS**

As a Society, GSK has continuously networked with other stakeholders to optimize benefits to our professionals in academia and research in the Geosciences.

The Society has maintained a good relationship with APSEA and we continue to participate in all the activities, such as AGMs, that the body organizes.

Early last year, the Council participated at the IUGS Annual Executive meeting here in Nairobi, Kenya which took place in the month of February 2024.

The Governing Council (GC) engaged other different stakeholders and Institutions as follows;

**GC meeting with EPRA** – The main agenda was to seek collaboration and cooperation between the two entities. A proposal was made to have more engagements and work together, especially on issues concerning the energy sector.

**GC meeting with WRA** – It was noted that the majority of GSK members are hydrogeologists, and therefore WRA continues to be an instrumental partner of GSK. The meeting agreed to closely work together to achieve mutual objectives.

**GC meeting with Director Water Resources** – The rampant ongoing malpractice by quacks masquerading as hydrogeologists was highlighted. The Ministry agreed to consult with GSK and GRB before receiving annual renewal fees from hydrogeologists to ensure integrity in the Water Sector. There was also an agreement to continually engage with the Ministry to ensure legitimacy amongst hydrogeologists.

**GC meeting with Rockland Ltd** – It was noted that geologists are hardly appreciated or recognized for the key role they play within the extractives sector; a state mainly attributed to existing unfair governing legislations. As a major player in the industry, Rockland promised to walk with geologists to improve and grow the sector.

### **3. LOBBYING & ADVOCACY**

We have revived the process of re-introducing the Geology Bill 2019 to parliament and we are working closely with the relevant State Departments to see it through. We have continuously requested members to send in their comments since last year, and we are a proud community having sat today to consolidate those comments.

This morning we were able to discuss both the Energy Policy and the Petroleum Policy; a clear show of the Society's full commitment and participation in the development and improvement of legislation within the extractives sector.

We continue to defend our professionalism as geologists and I take this opportunity to request members to take their positions in marketing and defending geologists.

We wish to remind members of the Geophysics Professional bill 2023; a draft bill which we shared with members for input. As a Society, we submitted our petition to the Clerk of the National Assembly objecting the bill for this will only negate the gains made this far. It is our view that geophysics is a technique among many within geology and therefore the bill should NOT be enacted.

We have had meetings with construction players spearheaded by the National Construction Authority and our role as geologists is slowly being rightfully recognized within the market.

### **4. GC MEETINGS**

The Governing Council has continued with their commitment to serve members interests. We have had monthly meetings both virtual and physical. We have been forced to move virtual meetings to evening hours to accommodate all. This was a total sacrifice by the Governing Council in the spirit of serving our members.

## 5. CAREER FAIRS & TRAININGS

We continue to emphasize the need for training to build capacity amongst geologists. This is constantly needed to progressively fill the existing capacity gaps and match the industry requirements.

Last year and as late as yesterday, we participated at the UON mentorship program and we will keep encouraging other institutions to organize such forums where practicing geologists can participate and guide upcoming geologists.

We continue to encourage our senior members to find it fit to engage the upcoming geologists in the field when an opportunity arises.

## 6. COLLOQUIUM OF AFRICAN GEOLOGY 2025

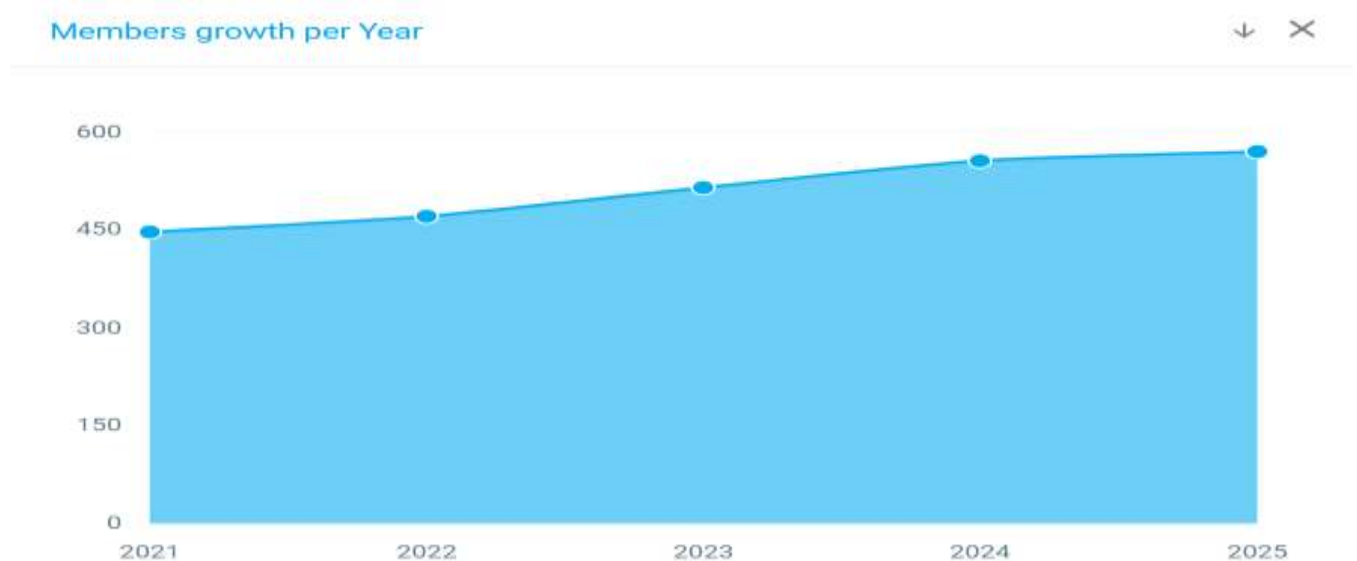
The CAG30 conference & expo is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 where we are privileged to host after effective bidding and good engagement with the Geological Society of Africa. The constituted Local Organizing Committee together with the GC has held meetings in organising this conference and also extended invitations to members to assist in the various sub-committees. Nominated members in the various committees have so far laid structures and we request your unreserved support in terms of submission of papers, reviews, mobilization of financial support and attendance to make this event a success.

## 7. The Third 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites

The Governing Council has been engaging with IUGS on Geological Heritage Sites since 2022. Eighty-three countries have participated in the First 100 and the Second 100 circle. Kenya has been encouraged to participate in the third round of selection. This will be a perfect initiative to represent the best spirit of international cooperation.

We encourage members to share information in their possession on possible geological heritage sites. The GSK office will share the necessary links to assist in identifying the sites immediately. Feel free to engage in this venture to market Kenya as a global geotourism destination.

## 8. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



## 8.1 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

As a Society, we continue to take pride in the established members system which has continued to serve in a great way.

As of now, we have a membership of **555** who are registered in the system. In the year 2024, we registered **47** new members compared to **44** members in the previous year. Having looked at the membership management system, **403** members have been able to access the system and we encourage members to make use of this system. We are committed to continuously improve the system where needed and in case of any challenge accessing or using the system, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the office for any assistance.

## 9. FINANCIALS

As reported by the Treasurer, our financial status is as follows: -

Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

As it has been tabled by the Treasurer, our summary financial status is as follows: -

<b>Year</b>	-	<b>2024</b>
Income (Kshs)	-	15,430,424.14
Expenditure (Kshs)	-	7,872,792.25

Bank balance as at 31.12.2024:

ABSA	-	3,213,453.10
FAMILY BANK	-	4,344,178.79

### 9.1 Income and accrued arrears for the year 2024

The projected annual income if all members pay their subscriptions is Kes. 15,400,200. Currently as of 2024, we have 1,741,300. We appreciate those members who have continuously supported the Society financially. We still need to engage with about 350 members who have accrued arrears and are still affiliated to the geology fraternity.

We must appreciate our members in keeping their commitment. By the close of 2024, 222 members were fully paid up! This was a great shift from the previous years.



From our financial report, it is clear that rent continues to rise every year by not less than 50%. As a 50-years old professional association, we have grown of age. We are ready to move to our own space. We encourage members to settle their dues as we scout on our next destination.

## 10. RESOLUTIONS

As General Council, we have deliberated and considered motions for further deliberations in this AGM in response to our members suggestions and opinions. We have prepared the resolutions to be passed in keeping with our constitution. I look forward to our endorsement of these proposals as follows:-

### a) Office Space

We, the Members of Geological Society of Kenya, do hereby give GSK Governing Council an irrevocable authority to explore the possibility of identifying and acquiring office space.

### b) Admission of associate members

The following individuals made applications for membership in the society. The Governing Council having reviewed their applications and finding them satisfactory, hereby proposes the following individuals for admission as Associate Members.

- I Michael Muhoro (BSc. in Earth Science & IT, Maseno University, 2017)
- II Joseph Egesa (BSc. in Hydrology & W. Resource Management, SEKU, 2019)
- III Amani Kazungu (BSc. in Petroleum Expl. & Production, MKU, 2022)
- IV Wendy Chemutai (BSc. in Geophysics, JKUAT, 2024)

V Brian Ruto (BSc. in Mining & Mineral Processing, Taita Taveta University, 2022)

**In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen**

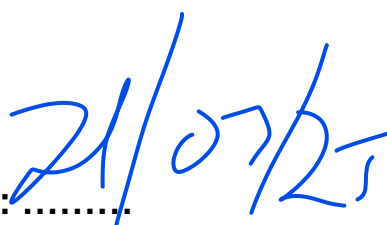
I wish to thank the entire GSK membership and the geology fraternity for the support accorded to the Governing Council throughout the year.

To my GC members, I appreciate you for your tireless support, commitment and sacrifice you have shown throughout the year.

I also thank our Auditor for his unmatched service to the Geological society of Kenya.

Let me conclude by appreciating all of you once again for your attendance and participation during this AGM.

Signed: .....  


Date: .....  


**GEOL. JOSEPH KURIA NG'ANG'A  
PRESIDENT, GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF KENYA**

**THANK YOU**