

Dear and distinguished colleagues,



GGOS celebrates and acknowledges the establishment of GGOS Africa, a new and important partner for the global GGOS community,

- Strengthening the voice and visibility of **African geodesy within GGOS**
- Bringing **African expertise, knowledge and perspectives** to global geodesy
- Fostering cooperation between **African and international geodetic communities**
- Contributing to a **truly global and inclusive GGOS**.

GGOS Africa strengthens GGOS, and GGOS is stronger because of Africa.

I am truly sorry that I cannot be with you for the opening ceremony of GGOS Africa. I would have very much liked to be there in person to share this special moment with you. Unfortunately, I am currently hosting the annual GGOS business meeting, the GGOS Days 2026, and the two events overlap.

I am very happy, though, that I will be able to join you virtually this afternoon at 14:00. I am really looking forward to seeing you and to celebrating together the establishment of GGOS Africa; an important and exciting moment for our global GGOS community.

Please accept my warmest apologies for missing the opening ceremony, and my very best wishes for a successful and inspiring start to GGOS Africa!

Warm regards,

Laura Sánchez, President of GGOS

