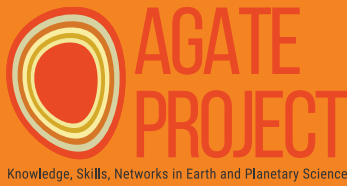
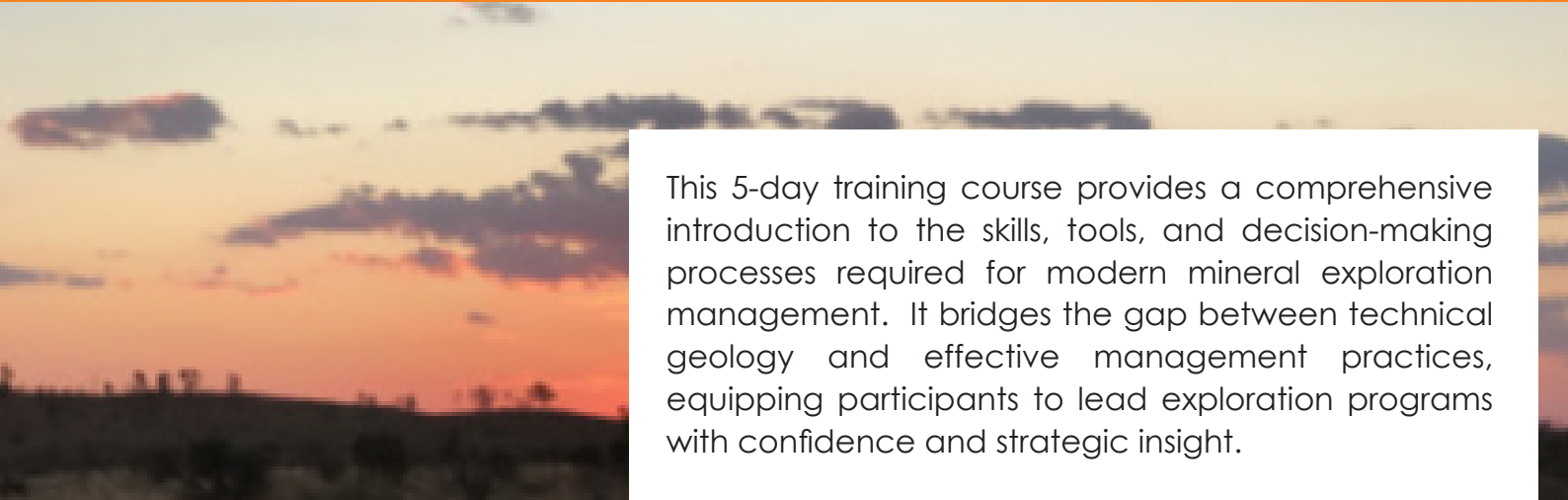


Mineral Exploration Management



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSE

17 to 21 August 2026
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



This 5-day training course provides a comprehensive introduction to the skills, tools, and decision-making processes required for modern mineral exploration management. It bridges the gap between technical geology and effective management practices, equipping participants to lead exploration programs with confidence and strategic insight.

Designed as an interactive workshop, the course encourages discussion, practical thinking, and real-world application of concepts across the full exploration lifecycle from early-stage project generation to feasibility study and business development.

Who Should Attend

This course is primarily aimed at:

- Geologists recently appointed as Exploration Managers.
- Senior geologists preparing to step into management roles.
- Professionals aspiring to become Exploration Managers in the near future.

It is also highly relevant for:

- Current Exploration Managers seeking to strengthen their management approach.
- Non-technical professionals (e.g. finance, investors, administrators) who work with mineral exploration companies.

Why Attend

- Gain practical insights: Learn how exploration is managed in real-world contexts, not just theory.
- Improve decision-making: Understand when to advance, modify, or stop projects.
- Learn from an integrated perspective: Cover technical, operational, financial, and social aspects of exploration.

What You Will Learn

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the key success factors in mineral exploration management.
- Develop and implement exploration strategies aligned with business objectives.
- Make informed project and investment decisions.
- Manage and evaluate exploration programs, including drilling and contractors.
- Apply best practices in data management, QA/QC, and reporting.
- Interpret resource estimation and feasibility studies.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Context</i>
17/08 8 am to 5 pm	The Principles & Key Success Criteria of Mineral Exploration Management	The Mineral Exploration Business General Principles of Management Mission, Vision & Strategy Communication Exploration Management Success Criteria (including the McKinsey Study)
18/08 8 am to 5 pm	The Day-to-Day Management of Mineral Exploration	The 5 P's of Exploration Management: Process, Portfolio, Pipeline, Programme & Performance Key exploration management decisions: Where, How & When (to give up)? Exploration methods: Geology, Geochemistry, Geophysics & Remote Sensing – from a management perspective Engaging consultants Drilling: Planning, the Drill Contract, Rig Supervision, monitoring drilling performance
19/08 8 am to 5 pm	Data Management & Advanced Studies	Geochem/Drilling data (the importance of a relational database) & QAQC Spatial Data (GIS & maps) & Technical Reports Mineral Resource Estimation Feasibility Studies
20/08 8 am to 5 pm	The Non-Technical Aspects of Mineral Exploration Management	HR: organisational structure, employment contracts, performance management, staff development & training Admin: asset mngmnt, field logistics, tenement administration, budgets & expenditure controls Health & Safety: risk management, promoting awareness, MERP, incident investigations Environment: approvals, Baseline Studies, minimising impacts, rehabilitation Community Relations: engagement (& why it matters), standards & guidelines, sticky issues, security, socio-economic development
21/08 8 am to 5 pm	Business Development	Exploration Strategy Identifying and Creating New Projects Due Diligence Studies Project Valuation Corporate Deals in Exploration The Art of Negotiation

The training includes a digital copy of the book Mineral Exploration Management by Nick Franey (published by the Australian Inst. Geoscientists)

The specific programme may change to include topical issues of interest.

Information

Course Leader:

Nick Franey



Nick is an exploration geologist and strategic thinker, with 40 years of experience across a broad range of projects, from grassroots to feasibility study level and near-mine operations. He has explored for most types of gold and base metal deposits in a variety of geological terranes, in more than 20 countries on three continents.

Nick worked as a senior executive for several mining and exploration companies, including Anglo American, Anvil Mining, OceanaGold, Azumah Resources and Renaissance Minerals, before establishing NJF Consulting.

Nick is an engaging presenter and workshop facilitator. He has taught MSc level courses on Remote Sensing & GIS at Rhodes University, South Africa (1990-92), and on Exploration Management at James Cook University, Australia (2016-24). He has mentored and coached many young geologists and Exploration Managers, and has recently written a book about "Mineral Exploration Management".

Date

17 - 21 August 2026

Duration

5 days

Time

08:00 - 17:00 (Face to Face training)

Language

English

Where

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



Registration Fees

USD 2,250 per attendee. The fee includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch, and training materials. Payment must be completed before the start of the training. Any applicable country withholding taxes will be added to ensure the net amount received.

Certificate of participation

Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Register using the form on the next page.

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Please complete this form

and return to corinne.debat@agate-project.org before the 30 June 2026

Company

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Address

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Attendee's Name (first name, SURNAME, email):

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Fees and Currency

	US\$	AU\$
Select your preferred invoicing currency		
Base registration Fee	2,250.00	

Whithholding Tax if applicable	%

The organisers reserve the right to cancel the training if the minimum requirement of 12 participants is not met.