

- Danakil field site is on schedule to be a Europlanet field site from 2017
- It has a wide range of potential research topics from geology to astrobiology
- Local infrastructure and collaborations with University of Mekelle are strong
- Next visit is scheduled for January 2017 and will complete characterisation of site which will be placed on Europlanet webpages for users to see

Opportunities

- Expect user of field site to apply for access to TA2 and TA3 for analysis of collected samples (mineral or biological) We should stress this is possible and allow them to apply for both in TA access
- University of Mekelle staff to be encouraged to apply to visit other TAs
- EPSC 2017 Riga to have a dedicated session on Field sites to report results and present opportunities.

Developing collaboration

- University of Mekelle staff to exploit Expert visits programme (eg to visit labs with equipment they have for training) and /or experts from EU labs to visit Mekelle to assist in setting up apparatus
- To write an Erasmus plus project (University of Bologna) to further staff exchanges etc

Outreach plan

- Recognise opportunities and need for linking visits to Outreach and education links
- Agree all visits should have an outreach/education link too (state of website)
- Explore Space awareness material etc for Ethiopian use (translation funding available)
- Science communication training (eg Vilnius workshop or EPSC) for Ethiopian partners.
- Opportunity for citizen science projects

- **Dates / meetings**
- Meeting of African union on space Addis Ababa late 2017 or early 2018
- Science week January to coincide with Europlanet visits
- 25th anniversary of founding on University of Mekelle -

Future programmes

Opportunities for developing future collaborations with University of Mekelle and Ethiopia

Research

- Build into other EU programmes
- Bilateral; PhD exchanges
- Masters course ?

Outreach/Education

- Science for Society ?
- Education programmes - teaching in Ethiopia (University)
- Other initiatives -- private initiatives