

## **My first experience of SAAG: Geomorphology or Geology?**

My understanding on Geomorphology was somehow limited to landscape forming factors until I attended the SAAG workshop on “Dryland Geomorphology held in Gobabeb, Namibia”.

The workshop provided me with a platform on the basic understanding of the real concept which in my naïve understanding was rather an invasion of geology.

More specifically the workshop on the use of the GPR techniques for Dune surveying stimulated an interest and a new horizon of research area. The experience I gained from the different presentations by the experts in the field will feed into my prospect for a PhD in the field of Environmental Modelling, with an emphasis on the study of the Geomorphology of the Oniipa River in the Oshikoto Region, North-Central Namibia.

From the little information that I have on the use of the GPR, I understand that the technique is able to map the subsurface areas in real time. In this regard, offering a unique opportunity in my envisioned plan to effectively map out the drainage system of the Oniipa River System which is believed to have been buried due to settlement patterns that have evolved over the years.

I can now confidently say that I have broadened my conceptual understanding of the term geomorphology and the term geology has now become a science on its own level.

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