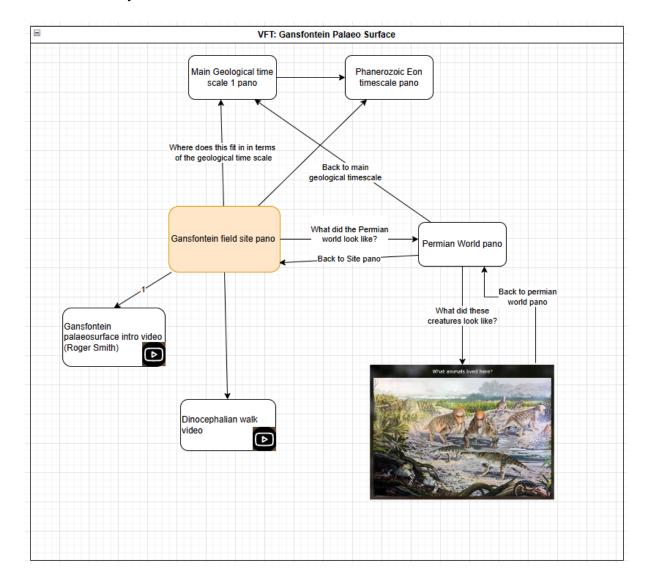
VFT Update

16 April 2024

- A funding proposal was submitted to the IGC Legacy fund for the VFT proof of concept. We expect the outcome to be communicated shortly.
- The Storyboard:



Each site will have a similar storyboard and will be dependent on the content available. One of the outcomes of the POC is to provide guidelines for creating VFTs for geosites.

- Project overview
- Current version of the Gansfontein VFT
 - The web application "Tour It" is at this stage only available due to Wendy's
 association with Arizona State University (ASU). Wendy will discuss making
 the app more widely accessible with the project director later in the year when
 he visits SA.
- LG and WT are looking at other initiatives that involve similar virtual experiences:
 - o Jan van Bever Donker at UWC

- Global Digital Heritage Afrika partners with UCT | UCT News
- o Global Digital Heritage
- The Gallery (zamaniproject.org)
- Tools and applications
 - o <u>virtualfieldwork.org/CZO/VFEtools tech CZ.html</u>

09 July 2024

Unfortunately the funding proposal to IGC Legacy fund for the VFT project was unsuccessful. The project will continue though on a 'pro bono' basis. The impact is that the project may proceed at a slower pace than previously planned.

VR Photography Project: Wendy has made contact with UWC as there is a project running there in the Department of Earth Sciences under the direction of Jan van Bever Donker and Matthew Huber. Jan has agreed to give a talk at the WCB AGM on 25 July.