



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa (EEASA) 35th Annual
Conference & Workshop Maun Lodge, Botswana, 18th - 22nd September 2017

35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFIRCA- EEASA

18 –22 September 2017. Maun, Botswana

Practical Information

Travel documents

All Citizens of Commonwealth countries do not require visa *except* those from Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals whose countries have signed a Visa Abolition Agreement with Botswana are also not required to apply for a Visa. Follow the link below for more information:

<http://www.gov.bw/Ministries--Authorities/Ministries/Ministry-of-Labour--Home-Affairs-MLHA/Tools--Services/Services--Forms/Requirements-for-VISA-application/>

Arriving in Maun

The arrival in Maun is **September 17, 2017** where as departure from Maun after a full time conference is **September 22, 2017** (Optional). **For participants wishing to depart earlier and in need of assistance from the LOC, kindly inform the LOC upon your arrival in Maun.** Entry into Maun can be by road or air; therefore all participants are required to make sure that they carry with them all the necessary travelling documents at points of entry and while driving to and from Maun. To get around, taxis are normally a convenient way to get around and are reasonably priced. They are easily identified; they have a label **"Maun Taxi Services"**. The LOC can assist in arranging a taxi as well as hotel and other accommodation places.

By air

Air Botswana provides international flights between Gaborone and Johannesburg, Gaborone and Harare, Maun and Johannesburg, Kasane and Johannesburg and Francistown and Johannesburg. Domestic flights run between Gaborone and Francistown, Maun and Kasane.

- Air Botswana has thrice daily flights between Gaborone and Johannesburg.
- South African Airways has twice daily flights between Johannesburg and Gaborone, during the week.
- South African Express has five flights daily between Johannesburg and Gaborone, during the week.
- Air Botswana has daily flight from Johannesburg direct to Maun.
- Air Namibia flies Windhoek to Maun every day of the week, except Tuesday and Thursday.
- Ethiopian airlines have weekly flights to Gaborone from Johannesburg and those via Zimbabwe (Victoria Falls International Airport).



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Please be sure to provide your flight details, including the arrival and departure times to LOC mmbakile@gov.bw by Friday 8 September 2017. The LOC will have the shuttle arranged for the delegates arriving via the Maun International Airport.

By road

Botswana is accessible by tarred road from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia. A valid international driver's license, along with vehicle registration documents are required to drive in Botswana and drivers should always carry them. Most major roads in Botswana are tarred and driving conditions are generally good. Car and four-wheel drive rental services are widely available in Maun and Gaborone and other major tourist centres, airports and hotels. For detailed directions, visit the following link <http://www.botswanaturism.co.bw/map>

Routes from Gaborone via South Africa-Botswana entry points

1. Gaborone to Maun via Trans-Kalahari highway (showing the 44 turn where those coming from Namibia could connect at). Main stopovers for food and fuel include: Jwaneng, Sekoma, Kang, Ghanzi, Sehithwa then arrival into Maun. Approx. 900km.
2. Gaborone to Maun via A1 via Serowe. Main stopovers for food and fuel include Mahalapye, Palapye, Serowe, Letlhakane, Mopipi, Rakops, Motopi then arrival into Maun. Approx. 900km.
3. Gaborone to Maun via A1 via Francistown. Main stopovers for food and fuel include Mahalapye, Palapye, Francistown, Nata, Gweta, Makalamabedi then arrival into Maun. Approx. 900km.

Route from Kazungula to Maun via Zambia and Zimbabwe-Botswana entry points

1. Kazungula via Nata then Maun (avoiding the gravel one). Main stopovers for food and fuel include Pandamatenga, Nata, Gweta, Makalamabedi arrival into Maun. Approx. 610km.

Route from Mamuno Border Post to Maun via Botswana and Namibia entry points

1. Mamuno border post via Trans-Kalahari highway. Main stopovers include Ghanzi, Sehithwa then arrival into Maun. Approx. 500km.

NB: All these major roads have standardized speed limits and roaming animals (wild and domestic) therefore all drivers should exercise extra caution at all times. Also note that failure to obey the traffic rules and laws will attract a fine. Participants travelling by road are advised to carry sufficient water at all times.



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By bus

There are scheduled public bus services across borders between Botswana and South Africa (Intercape, AT&T Monnakgotla, TJ Motlogelwa & Flight Connect), Zimbabwe (Greyhound), Namibia (AT&T Monnakgotla) and Zambia (Lusaka-Gaborone luxury coach-aka The Yellow bus). The final destination of these main buses is Gaborone and at Gaborone there are connecting buses to Maun (approximately 10 hours journey), either via Trans-Kalahari Highway (Maun via Ghanzi) or via A1 road (Maun via Serowe). Main service providers are Seabelo Express, JNG Transport, NKK Express & DM Tours. These have early morning buses and sleep-liners (night buses; arriving early morning for both one way and return trip).

Accommodation and meals

The conference participants will be accommodated at Maun Lodge from **17 September to 22 September 2017**. Participants who will arrive before 17 September 2017 and those who wish to extend their stay after 22 September 2017 have to cover the cost of their accommodation and other necessities on those days. Meals will be provided for the participants during the course of the conference.

Those participants who registered for full conference package will be provided with all meals (i.e breakfast, lunch and dinner at the venue), the daily attendees and those who registered without accommodation will be provided with lunch only except during the Welcome dinner (18 September 2017) and the Cultural night (21 September 2017). Check-out at the venue is 10:00hrs while check-in is 14:00hours.

Registration

Participants will register and check-in at the front desks to be allocated at the main conference hall from **17 September 2017 at 14:00hours**. All registered delegates will receive a conference badge that should be worn where it is visible at all times. The exhibitors are also encouraged to register and get badges for 2 exhibitors per an institution. **Please make sure that you register for one of the Excursion tours at the registration desks.**

For delegates that will be paying their conference fee after the 15 September 2017, the registration fees are:

BWP 5200 (including accommodation)

BWP 2500 (without accommodation)

BWP 1000 (day registration)

NB* No cash will be received during the conference, deposit conference fee in EEASA account provided and bring along your deposit slip/ scan and email it (make follow up to confirm that it was received).



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NEW ANNOUNCEMENT!

Registration and Payment for **Non-Shared/ Single Occupancy Accommodation**

Cost: P6 500. 00. Venue: Cresta Maun Lodge

The package includes: conference material, EEASA membership fee, 5 nights non-sharing accommodation, breakfast, lunches, welcome dinner and cultural evening dinner at conference venue, airport transfers and excursions. People residing at Cresta Maun Lodge will pay for 3 of their dinners except for the welcome and cultural dinners (18th and 21st of September 2017).

NB: Delegates who require non-sharing accommodation need to follow the EEASA 2017 conference registration process. They should indicate in the registration form that they require a non-sharing accommodation. **DO NOT MAKE DIRECT BOOKING TO THE LODGE.** Rooms are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Conference programme

The programme will be sent to the participants and will also be available on the EEASA website. The participants nominated as Chairs of sessions kindly register your absence or presence with the LOC so that proper arrangements could be made.

Currency and exchange rates

The Botswana currency is the Pula. Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels. The US dollar, Euros, British Pound and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies. Automatic Teller Machines accept foreign visa cards. Banks operate Monday to Friday from 08:30hours to 15:30hours while on Saturday they operate from 08:30hours to 11:00hours. For up to date exchange rates please visit www.x-rates.com or www.xe.com/ucc

Language

Both Setswana and English are the commonly used in Maun but there are many other tribal languages in use like Seyei, Sembukushu, Seherero, Seswara, Sekalaka, etc.

Mobile Telecommunication Service Providers

Botswana has 3 main mobile service providers being Orange, Mascom and Be Mobile and the pre-paid starter pack for all cost **BWP 10.00**. Recharge vouchers range from **BWP 10.00** and are available at all service stations, street vendors, post offices and supermarkets.



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What to bring/wear

Binoculars, torch, insect repellent, lip salve, sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses. Because September is summer, lightweight, light-coloured cottons are preferable. Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing. Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain. Closed, comfortable walking shoes or gym shoes are a must in all seasons.

Guests are advised to bring along **cultural attire and music and musical instruments** where possible for the Cultural night event to be held at Nhaba Museum. The **welcome dinner** will be held at the conference venue under the theme **“Back to school: In the 1980s”**.

Points to note:

- EEASA President EEASA is the School Head
- Chairperson of EEASA 2017 LOC is the School Representative Council (SRC) President
- Dignitaries and key speakers are the Board of Governors
- EEASA Council Members are Teachers
- LOC and LLOC are Prefects
- General members are Students
- The attire is strictly school tunics/uniforms with backpacks (no handbags, clutch bags). However, handmade bags with recyclable materials are welcome; example: the big rice bag or the mealie meal (sack) bag.

Maun weather (September)

Average temperature is 26°C maximum and 9°C minimum, Humidity less than 20% and sunny. However, maximum temperatures could reach 40°C while minimum could reach 15°C. Early mornings and evenings are generally cool, but hot during the day.

Electricity

The 3 pin 15 Amp. (Adaptor plug M) is the most commonly used electric plug and sockets. Electricity is supplied at 220/240v. Both square and round wall plugs are used. Adaptor plugs can be bought in most supermarkets.

Health

If you are entering Botswana from areas infected with Yellow Fever, you must have a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate. Otherwise, no other immunisations are required. It would also be wise to have an updated TPD (tetanus, polio, diphtheria) vaccine, and a Hepatitis A vaccine. Malaria, including cerebral malaria, is common in northern Botswana, in the Okavango and Chobe areas (where Maun is located) therefore malaria pre and post treatment should be taken prior to the visit. It is essential for visitors to have a comprehensive medical insurance policy, to provide coverage for the treatment of serious illnesses/accidents, and if required, medical evacuation. **Other precautions**



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are: to wear long sleeves, socks, closed shoes, and generally keep the body covered, to sleep with a mosquito net and to use mosquito coils and repellent. Tap water in Maun is safe to drink. Bottled mineral water is readily available in most shops and supermarkets, and at camps and lodges.

For any questions or concerns regarding the practical information provided and any other related matter, please contact the following numbers:

1. Mr Moemedi Mbakile-LOC Secretariat by email: mmbakile@gov.bw or mobile: +267 71657891
2. Mr Stephen Mopalo-LOC Chairperson by email: stephalo2001@gmail.com, executivecoordinator@tsholetrust.org.bw or by mobile: +267 71395873/ 72822643
3. Ms Bonolo Godzamaphela by email: bgodza@yahoo.com or by mobile: +267 71677858
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5. Ms Lesego Ratsie by email: lesegoratsie@gmail.com or by mobile: +267 71542417
6. Prof MJ Ketlhoilwe by email: KETLHOMJ@mopipi.ub.bw or by mobile: +267 71729401
7. Ms Keneilwe Mathaba by email: kenimathaba@gmail.com or mobile: +27 76247 1873, +267 75909899

Emergency numbers

Botswana Police: 999

Ambulance: 997

Fire Brigade: 998