

2009 TUNZA African Children's Conference on the Environment

07 – 10 August 2009, Durban, South Africa

DELEGATES' INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2009 TUNZA African Children's Conference on the Environment

Welcome to sunny Durban, South Africa! We are glad to inform you that you and your school have been invited to attend the all expenses paid **2009 TUNZA African Children's Conference on the Environment** as one of 150 delegates. Your participation to this conference is important to help us discuss and learn more about the most critical environmental challenge facing the earth today, viz. climate change.

The **2009 TUNZA African Children's Conference on the Environment** is hosted by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in partnership with SPAR and the support of many corporate sponsors. The conference is organized by Local Organising Committee (LOC) which is made up of Sustainability United, SPAR, TBWA, the British Council, the KZN Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Development, the National Department of Water and Environment, the eThekweni Municipality and a host of environmental education centres in Durban

All information can be found on the conference website: www.spar.co.za

Kindly ensure that the school, parent/guardian, and learner are familiar with the information contained in this delegates' information pack.

1. Introduction

UNEP, in partnership with SPAR will host the **2009 TUNZA African Children's Conference on the Environment** from 7 to 10 August 2009, in Durban. The theme of the conference is *Climate Change*. We will collectively bring together about 150 delegates (aged 10 to 14) and their chaperones, from all over Africa. This is the first such event for southern Africa.

2. Indemnity

- (a) Schools are responsible for obtaining the necessary consent indemnity forms for the delegate from the learner's parent/legal guardian, before departure for Durban.

(b) A completed indemnity form **MUST** be completed for each learner and forwarded to:

SPAR, Attention: Rene' Cornish, either by Fax: 086 670 1369 or

E-mail: Rene.Cornish@spar.co.za

3. Flying to Durban, South Africa

You **MUST** arrive in Durban, South Africa no later than 14h00 on FRIDAY, 7 August 2009. We advise you to allow approximately two hours from the time your plane lands until the conference starts (to get your luggage, go through the immigration/visa check, find your shuttle bus, arrive at the accommodation and get ready for conference kick off!)

Participants **MUST** only leave after 10h00 on Monday, 10 August 2009.

All children and chaperones will be met at Durban International Airport by volunteers. We will be operating an information desk run by volunteers at the airport. Bus transport will be provided for you from the airport to the accommodation at A.M. Moolla Spes Nova School, in Phoenix, which is approximately 37 km north of the airport.

NB.:

- 1. Any changes to names of learners' or chaperones traveling or changes in dates and times of tickets will be for the cost of the school/chaperone/learner.**
- 2. All learners and chaperones must have original positive identification (e.g. birth certificate, or ID doc, or passport) to collect boarding passes from the airport**

4. Transportation

● Air travel:

Return economy air tickets will be arranged for all delegates and their chaperones who reside outside KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa. You will fly from the major airport in your respective province/country to Durban.

Schools are responsible for ground transport from their schools/communities to their respective provincial/country airports and back.

For all SA flight arrangements, kindly contact:

Rene' Cornish of SPAR

Tel: (031) 719 1839), Fax: 086 670 1369, Cell: 082 222 4340, E-mail: Rene.Cornish@spar.co.za

● Road Transport

All schools in KwaZulu will travel by road via luxury coaches to A.M. Moolla Spes Nova School in Phoenix.

- **To fieldtrips:**

When the children go on fieldtrips, there will be a volunteer who checks his or her list and makes sure everyone is in the right bus. Chaperones will **not** go on fieldtrips on Saturday.

5. Accommodation in Durban

All delegates and chaperones will be accommodated at

AM MOOLLA SPES NOVA SCHOOL

LENHAM DRIVE (off Northern Drive), PHOENIX, 4080, DURBAN

Tel.: +27 31 5052919

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Contact: ANAND APPINAH (School Principal)

There will be separate rooms and bathrooms for males and females for both delegates and chaperones.

If you are planning to stay extra days, you must let the LCO know the date and the number of persons who will be staying, by **30 July 2009**.

6. Meals

All meals are provided during the conference from dinner on Friday, 7th August to breakfast on Monday, 10th August 2009.

All meals will include options for those who prefer vegetarian food. We may also offer a special diet for those who need it, based on proven medical reasons.

7. Fieldtrips

All delegates will be allocated their fieldtrips on arrival. All delegates will have the opportunity to attend all the different fieldtrips.

8. School Presentations

ONLY Six (6) schools will be selected to present their projects that fall under the themes of Waste, Biodiversity and Energy in relation to Climate Change.

Such presentations can take any form (drama, music, interactive). Duration of presentation will be a maximum of **20 minutes**.

9. Exhibits

During the conference period, there will be an Environmental Project Poster Exhibition taking place at the conference venue for all schools.

Delegates must bring an environment project poster which visually explains their environment projects.

The exhibition will provide the delegates with an excellent opportunity to share ideas and experiences of their environment projects. The poster size should be 50x70cm and should be named with the delegate's school, province and country.

10. Information on South Africa and Durban

South Africa

- South Africa is located on the southern tip of Africa

- *Language*

There are 11 Languages in South Africa. English, Zulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Swazi, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Tsonga, Tswana, and Venda. English is South Africa's first language and is spoken throughout the country; English speaking visitors will have no problems while traveling through South Africa. All signs are in English.

- Average Temperature in for SA during this time is : 22.1~29.5 °C (71.8~85.1 °F)

*Note: There may be rainy or windy days during the conference.

- Currency: The currency of South Africa the rand (R). South African currency works on the decimal system with the one Rand equaling 100 cents.

- Bill denomination: R200, R100, R50, R20, R10
- Coin denomination: R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 2c, 1c
- Most major credit cards are accepted, as well as traveller's cheques in major currencies.
- South African Banks can accommodate all international transactions and are situated throughout the country. Banks are open Monday to Friday 09:00 to 15:30, Saturdays 08:30 to 11:00. Automatic Teller machines (ATM) are available in most towns and cities and offer a 24-hour service.

- Exchange rate: the exchange rate to the US dollar fluctuates a bit. As per 7 July 2009, the exchange rate is 1 USD = R8.18

- Voltage: Electrical current in the South Africa runs on 220-230 V, 50 Hz current with the round three-pin plugs. Adaptors for two pin devices (e.g. cellphones) are required.

- *Immunisation*

No international immunisation is needed when entering South Africa.

The only inoculation requirement is a yellow fever vaccination certificate from traveller's entering South Africa within 6 days of leaving an infected area. Some areas in Zululand are subject to malaria. Before entering these areas, persons are advised to consult a doctor or pharmacist to obtain necessary medication.

Taxation

Foreign Tourist visiting South Africa can have their sales tax paid (known as Value Added Tax (VAT)) refunded at a port of exit, provided the value of items purchased exceeds R250. Visitors should obtain proof of payments of all items purchased during their stay to claim any refunds. To

qualify for a refund, visitors must be in possession of a valid foreign passport, the necessary tax invoices with the goods. Goods to be shown to Custom officers or VAT refund administrators for inspection as proof of export with tax invoices. Tax invoices to be stamped upon departure. VAT can be claimed on jewellery, curios, clothing and not on restaurant, hotel, car hire or other accommodation.

Telecommunications

South Africa has a sophisticated telecommunications network. International dialing and full telex, telefax, and electronic mail facilities are widely available. Phone cards and cellular phones are also on the market and readily available. International dialing codes can be found in South African telephone directories.

Time

South Africa is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), one hour ahead of central European Winter Time, 10 hours behind New Zealand Winter Time, 8 Hours behind Eastern Australian Winter Time.

Trading Hours

Normal trading hours 08:30 to 17:00 on weekdays, 08:30 to 13:00 on Saturdays. Many shopping malls and centres have extended trading hours and are open on Sundays.

Durban

Durban is located along the east coast of South Africa, in the KwaZulu-Natal province.

KwaZulu-Natal and Durban in particular enjoys a warm sub-tropical climate for most part of the year. The average minimum and maximum temperatures and rainfall figures for Durban in August is follows:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Min. Temp</i>	<i>Max. Temp</i>	<i>Rainfall (mm)</i>
August	13 ^o C	23 ^o C	58

Distances from Durban

City	Distance
Cape Town	1660km
Johannesburg	598km
Port Elizabeth	927km
Bloemfontein	667km
East London	667km
Pietermaritzburg	77km

Medical Care

Medical care is readily available. Doctors are listed under "Medical", Hospitals under "H" in all telephone directories.

Population

Approximately 4 million people. Durban is said to be one of the fastest growing cities in the world with some 25% of South Africa's total workforce being employed in the Durban area.

Restaurants

With Durban's rich diversity of cultures, there is an extensive range of multi-cuisine restaurants, catering for all tastes and pockets.

The International Airport receives direct flights from various international destinations. Various Domestic services fly frequently from the airport. Intercity coaches and trains are reasonably priced and depart daily for various destinations. The Mynah bus is a frequent and reliable local bus service that plies passengers between the North and South beaches. The CBD and surrounding suburbs.

11. Important issues

- (a) Delegates will have to be attired in full school uniform for the duration of the conference.
- (b) Smart casual attire (civvies) will only be permitted for the Imax Experience, Civic Reception and Closing Ceremony events.
- (c) Items to bring:
 - School uniform
 - Necessary items of clothing for a 3-night and 3-day stay and travel
 - A jacket or jersey for cold/windy days
 - Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, lotions, deodorants, creams, sunblock)
 - Towel

Contact Details

Conference Co-ordinator

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