



INFORMATION LETTER
CLTN Symposium/Workshop
13 – 16 August 2024

Symposium

The CLTN symposium will start at **09h00 on Tuesday, 13 August** and will end on **Thursday afternoon, 15 August at 15h00**. All accommodation should be booked from at least Tuesday, 13 August (from 14h00) until Friday morning 16 August at 10h00 (3 nights).

The workshop officially opens with a welcoming dinner on **Tuesday, 13 August at 18h00** at the Cattle Baron Grill Boma (see map).

Venue

Our venue is the **Nombolo Mdhluli Conference Centre** in Skukuza Camp, Kruger National Park (see map).

Gate Entry

Free entrance will be arranged at the **Paul Kruger, Malelane and Phabeni Gates, as well as the Skukuza Airport** from Tuesday, 13 August for all registered delegates. The free entrance reference number will be communicated to you closer to the date.

Delegates wishing to make use of other entrance gates and arriving earlier with their own reservation number will pay the daily conservation fee at the camp where accommodation has been booked.

Gate Closing Times and Late Permits

The Paul Kruger gate and Skukuza Camp gate both **close at 17:30** and **no late permits** will be issued or sent to the gate. When planning your trip to Kruger please keep the gate times in mind as well as any possible road damage due to recent flooding or any other possible road works along the route.

In case of an emergency causing you to be late please contact the Skukuza Duty Manager to arrange an escort from the Paul Kruger Gate. These emergency escorts can be arranged until 20h00 at a cost of **R700.00 per vehicle**. The Skukuza Duty Manager can be contacted on **082 802 1204** should an emergency arise.

Transfers

If a transfer is required from either OR Tambo Airport, Nelspruit Kruger International Airport or Skukuza Airport, please contact Jackey Deacon who dealt with the accommodation bookings to determine availability and options.

Accommodation

All accommodation would have been arranged by delegates with Jackey and they will stay in either the Skukuza rest Camp or in the Safari Lodge (Hotel). More information on your specific type of accommodation is available on the SANParks website.

Those staying in the camp may in all likelihood have self-catering units, which means that basic crockery and cutlery will be provided.

Programme

The programme (academic and social) for our workshop is in-development and will be circulated soon. More information on the meeting objectives:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AahpzonGPHtjLXfLif55M5fvRs_oNgNj/view?usp=sharing

If you would like to join the Symposium planning committee or have ideas on content, please email Shelley Bolderson (sr445@cam.ac.uk)

Meals

Light lunches (as indicated above) are included. Breakfast is excluded. Those making use of self catering units can buy provisions from the well stocked shop in the camp or make use of the Cattel Barron restaurant for breakfast.

All lunches will be served at the Safari Lodge that is next to the Nombolo Mdhluli Conference Centre.

Other useful information

For useful information about the Kruger National Park, visit:

<https://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/camps/main-rest-camps/skukuza>

You can click on the “Skukuza Camp” link, should you wish to learn more about Skukuza Camp.

Climate:

The Kruger National Park is a summer rainfall region.

We will be visiting the park during June (Winter). Temperatures typically range between 10°C and 28°C in Skukuza during this time. You are advised to bring:

- A hat;
- Sunscreen;
- A raincoat;

- Jacket for evenings (especially evening drives may get cold); and
- A swim suit (if you feel adventurous).

Malaria:

Skukuza is a low malaria-risk area during winter. The risk of malaria in Kruger Park is higher in the summer months between October to February.

The risk of malaria can be reduced by preventing mosquito bites. Mosquitoes most often bite between dusk and dawn. People are advised to use **insect repellents** (i.e. Tabbard or Peaceful Sleep). Remember to spray one's ankles. Burning anti-mosquito coils and ensuring netted screens are kept closed will significantly reduce your risk for contracting insect bites. All of the accommodation available in Kruger is fitted with netted screens.

Malaria prophylactic drugs can be taken that will further decrease the chances of contracting malaria. It is a difficult decision whether or not to take malaria prophylactics when visiting the Kruger National Park. The risk of contracting malaria needs to be weighed up against the side effects of the malaria prophylactic medication, and all the drugs available have various side effects. The choice of the appropriate drug that an individual should use is a decision that should be made in consultation with a medical doctor. There are three types of malaria prophylactic medications available for the strains of malaria occurring in South Africa, namely Doxycycline, Atovaquone/Proguanil and Mefloquine.

A 24/hour malaria hotline is available on +27 (0)82 234 1800

Shops and restaurants:

Skukuza has a fully stocked park shop where you can purchase water, snacks, drinks, curios, mosquito spray, clothing, maps, guidebooks, etc.

Should you forget anything at home, you should be able to purchase it at the camp shop. Skukuza also has restaurants (see park map), where you can enjoy breakfast or snacks/drinks between workshop activities.

Wifi:

You will have access to Wifi during our workshop activities at the Nombolo Mdhluli Conference Centre. Other Wifi hotspots are also available at the restaurants in camp.

Plugs:

South Africa operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. Type M wall sockets (see image below) are the most frequently used in South Africa. Please make sure that you bring the necessary adapters with you (adapters should also be available for purchase at the Skukuza camp shop).



Loadshedding:

South Africa is experiencing loadshedding, which means that we may experience periods (two- to four hours at a time) without electricity supply. Our conference venue is supplied with a generator, and loadshedding will not have a significant impact on our conference activities.

Electricity supply may be interrupted during the night-time. Please pack a **torch, headlamp and/or camping lamp** for your convenience.

We have, however, decided that loadshedding and access to uninterrupted Wifi may limit our ability to have fruitful online discussions. It was therefore decided that the workshop will only be hosted face-to-face. A webinar where the main findings of the workshop will be communicated, will be held to inform other participants of the outcome of the workshop.

Other useful things to pack:

Apart from the items above, the following items may be useful to pack: binoculars, camera, sunglasses, chargers, multiplug/adaptor, guide books (mammals/birds).

Map of Skukuza Rest Camp

