

GMES and Africa Consolidation - Validation Workshop

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South Africa

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

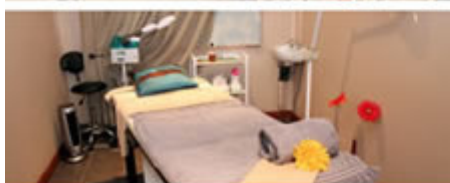
WORKSHOP AND ACCOMMODATION VENUE



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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Download the Birchwood Hotel Interactive Map:

<http://www.birchwoodhotel.co.za/box/Directions.pdf>

The hotel is about 8.6km from the O.R. Tambo International Airport.

The hotel offers free shuttle services from/ to the O R Tambo International Airport. Flight details will be provided to the Hotel and DST in order for transfers to be arranged.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Johannesburg is the largest city in South Africa, by population. Johannesburg is the provincial capital of Gauteng, the wealthiest province in South Africa, having the largest economy of any metropolitan region in Sub-Saharan Africa. The city is one of the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the world, and is also the world's largest city not situated on a river, lake, or coastline.

While Johannesburg is not one of South Africa's three capital cities, it is the seat of the Constitutional Court, which has the final word on interpretation of South Africa's constitution, and is the provincial capital of Gauteng. The city is the source of a large-scale gold and diamond trade, due to its location on the mineral-rich Witwatersrand range of hills.

Johannesburg is served by two international and one domestic airport. O.R. Tambo International Airport, the largest and busiest airport in Africa and a gateway for international air travel to and from the rest of Southern Africa.

Source: Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannesburg>)

USEFUL INFORMATION

LOCAL TIME: GMT+2

WEBSITES WITH INFORMATION ON JOHANNESBURG: <http://wikitravel.org/en/Johannesburg>

CURRENCY: Rand (ZAR)

Rates & converter: <http://www.xe.com/currency/zar-south-african-rand>

WEATHER

Johannesburg is situated on the highveld plateau, and has a subtropical highland climate (Köppen Cwb). The city enjoys a sunny climate, with the summer months (October to April) characterised by hot days followed by afternoon thundershowers and cool evenings, and the winter months (May to September) by dry, sunny days followed by cold nights.

Temperatures in Johannesburg are usually fairly mild due to the city's high elevation, with an average maximum daytime temperature in January of 25.6 °C (78.1 °F), dropping to an average maximum of around 16 °C (61 °F) in June.

(Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannesburg#Climate>)

FORECAST: <http://www.weather-forecast.com/locations/Johannesburg/forecasts/latest>