

Accommodation and Weather:

The conference will take place at the coastal town of Swakopmund.

Swakopmund is one of Namibia's western coastal towns and is approximately 320 km from Namibia's capital city, Windhoek. Swakopmund is a quiet and friendly town offering a unique desert, dune and ocean experience and activities. During the month of September, Swakopmund will be a bit cold with the temperature ranking from 9 – 19° C.

Travel Information:

There are daily direct flights between Johannesburg, Cape Town and Walvisbay. Walvisbay is 30km's away from Swakopmund.

Booking can be made through any travel agent to

- Johannesburg - Walvisbay(daily flights);
- Johannesburg - Windhoek - Walvisbay (daily flights except Saturdays);
- Cape Town - Walvisbay (daily flights except Sundays).

Organizing Country/Institution:

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DISTANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st - 23rd September 2012
Swakopmund
Namibia
CALL FOR PAPERS



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The DEASA Conference and AGM is one of the largest gatherings for the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Practitioners and other Education Professionals in the SADC region. Respond to the call for papers immediately in order not to miss out on this important event.

Conference Theme:

Promoting Advocacy For Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in the SADC Region

Sub-themes:

- **National ODL Policy Frameworks**- The sub-theme should deal with success stories or challenges faced in ODL policy development and deployment at national or regional levels.
- **ODL Governance and Management**- The sub-theme looks at the capacity by ODL institutions to effectively respond to the challenges of ODL mainstreaming. It looks at the extent to which ODL governance and management structures have the capacity to effectively offer responsive leadership in ODL programmes and services.
- **Resources Mobilization for ODL**- The sub-theme focuses on funding and budgeting needed to facilitate resource mobilization for ODL provision.
- **ODL Quality Assurance and Qualifications** - Institutional, National and Regional Quality Assurance Frameworks is the main focus of the sub-theme. It should cover the extent to which ODL programme development and delivery are based on some streamlined quality assurance frameworks and qualifications to enable comparable recognition of qualifications
- **Impact Assessment of ODL Provision** – Under this sub-theme authors are required to make a case for ODL by assessing the impact that ODL provision has had at individual, institutional and national levels.

Call for Abstracts and Papers:

Abstracts and papers are invited on the theme and its sub-themes herein described.

The presentations shall be in the form of:-

- Theoretical papers based on research and review;
- Case Studies;
- Poster Presentation;
- Keynote Address;
- Audio-Visual, CD-Rom and Internet Demonstration.

The Deadlines for Call for Papers and Abstracts are as follow:

- Call for abstracts for 150 words: 31st May 2012
- Due date for abstracts: 30th June 2012

The Conference will be organized in sessions to include:-

- Opening and keynote address session;
- Plenary sessions;
- Parallel sessions .

All papers will be peer reviewed before being published in the conference proceedings.

Language use:

The conference will be mainly conducted in English. However, provision will be made for translations in French and Portuguese.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted to:

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Registration Fees:

Early Bird: (Closes July 31st 2012)

DEASA Members:	SA Rand 600
Non Members	SA Rand 700
Students	SA Rand 250

Late Registration: (From August 1st, 2012)

DEASA Members:	SA Rand 650
Non Members	SA Rand 750
Students	SA Rand 300

*1 SA rand = 1 N\$

Terms and Conditions:

- The registration fee will cover conference materials, bags, lunches and tea/coffee breaks.
- The hosting institution will not be responsible for any other costs (like travelling, accommodation, and subsistence) regardless of the acceptance of the abstracts and papers.