

AIACC Africa Regional Workshop *(Including Indian Ocean Islands)*

March 10, 2003 Open Meeting
March 11-13, 2003 Regional Workshop
Mount Amanzi Lodge, Hartebeespoortdam, South Africa
Hosted by CSIR Environmentek, Pretoria, South Africa
Sponsored by AIACC

General Information:

The Open Meeting and Regional Workshop will be held at Mount Amanzi Lodge in Hartebeespoortdam, Brits, South Africa. The one-day Open Meeting is an opportunity for AIACC study teams and a larger community interested in the challenges posed by climate change to learn about AIACC research and capacity building in Africa and to share perspectives on climate change risks, opportunities for and barriers to adaptation, and information and capacity needs. During the three-day Regional Workshop, scientists participating in AIACC studies in Africa and other invited guests will discuss research objectives, plans and methods, problems encountered during the first year of research, potential solutions, initial results, and integrating research with adaptation and development planning.

Meeting Venue:

Both events will take place at Mount Amanzi Lodge. Mount Amanzi is 80 km outside of Johannesburg and 50km outside of Pretoria. More information about Mount Amanzi can be found at: <http://www.mountamanzi.co.za/>.

Reaching the Meeting Venue from the Airport:

A shuttle service has been arranged for your transportation from the airport to Mount Amanzi. Representatives from the shuttle service will wait at Terminal 1 & 2 with "AIACC Workshop" posters. Otherwise, in case you miss them, you can meet the shuttle people in the conference room at Terminal 3 (on the first level). Airport officials will be able to direct you to this venue.

We have also arranged for Open Meeting participants to take the shuttle back to the airport to meet their flights.

After the workshop, all participants will be transported via shuttle from Mount Amanzi to Johannesburg International Airport on Friday March 14. Participants who requested to stay extra nights beginning the 14th (due to flight schedules) will be taken to the Town Lodge near the airport. The Town Lodge offers a taxi service from the hotel to city attractions as well as a shuttle service to the airport. For more information about Town Lodge, visit <http://www.citylodge.co.za/tl2.htm>.

Reaching the Meeting Venue by Car:

For driving directions, please see: http://www.mountamanzi.co.za/where_to_find_us.htm.

Registration & Information:

Upon check-in to Mount Amanzi, attendees will be given a registration packet and name tag. Included will be a conference registration form. Please fill in the form and return to the organizer at the registration desk at the main meeting room on the first day of the workshop. Also included will be the travel claim form that participants can fill in and give to the meeting organizers at the main meeting room. Please make sure to include all receipts.

For Open Meeting participants who will not be staying at Mount Amanzi overnight, please go directly to the main meeting room to register for the meeting.

Financial Matters & Reimbursements:

The costs of your hotel stay and meals will be covered directly by the workshop sponsor. For Regional Workshop participants, travel reimbursements and allowance will be given near the main meeting room. Details will be announced during the meeting. Participants must fill in the travel claim form and have all receipts ready.

Please remember to bring with you air tickets and any other receipts, which will be requested by our finance officer as required documents for reimbursement.

For your information, the exchange rate to local currency is approximately US\$1 to 8 ZAR (South African Rand).

Medical Services:

For participants who may need special medical care during their stay in South Africa, please let Alet Visser know at aevisser@csir.co.za (or phone at +27 12 841 3195) as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Medical care in South Africa is of a very high quality and a doctor, pharmacist, physiotherapist etc will be in close proximity to the venue (in Hartbeespoort). Please speak to the organizing staff if you need to visit a doctor. Numerous private clinics are available in Johannesburg and Pretoria in case of emergencies. All participants are expected to have their own private medical insurance.

Climate:

It is still quite warm in the area, but since it is moving toward autumn, it may be cool at night, and we suggest that participants bring a light jacket and long trousers. We have arranged for mosquito repellants for all the participants.

Computing Facilities:

Computer facilities (including internet access) during the workshop will be limited. We recommend that participants bring their laptop computers to this workshop. There will be only minimal possibility for internet access.

Contact Phone Numbers:

Mount Amanzi Lodge: +27 12 (012) 253-0541

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Map of Johannesburg International Airport:

