

Meeting Information Guide

Useful Information for the 4th Meeting of the
Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy (WGCapD)
Committee on Earth Observation Satellite (CEOS)
18-20 March 2015
South African National Space Agency
Pretoria, South Africa



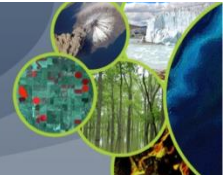


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1. General Information and Contacts

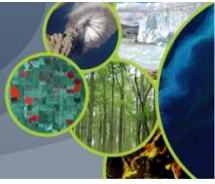
Meeting Venue

The Innovation Hub Centre
 Video Conference Room
 Mark Shuttleworth Street
 Pretoria, 0087
 Gauteng, South Africa

Contact information in Pretoria

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2. Travel Information

Your city to Pretoria via Johannesburg, South Africa:

Daily connection and direct flights are available from most cities around the globe to O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Local Time: GMT +02:00 hrs (Standard Time)

South African Currency: Rands (R): (1\$ ≈ R12.00 and 1 euro ≈ R14, approx.)

Rail mode

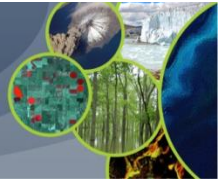


Gautrain is secure, safe and a convenient way of travel between OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg and Pretoria. The train takes about 45 minutes from O.R. Tambo International Airport to Pretoria. The Gautrain's operating hours at the airport is from 04:50am to 21:20pm at night. The train uses a card system which is available for purchase at the station for a once-off fee of R13.00. It can be recharged accordingly, for example, a trip from O.R. Tambo to Pretoria will cost approximately R155.00 one way. Further information can be found in the Gautrain website.

[\(http://www.gautrain.co.za/\)](http://www.gautrain.co.za/).

Shuttle service from OR Tambo Airport

A shuttle has been arranged to transport participants from the airport to your respective accommodation in Pretoria. Participants will be notified about pickup times.



3. Lodging and Local Transportation

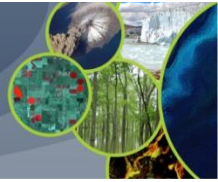
Lodging

The accommodation below has been recommended, which is all within 5km from the meeting venue. Participants can make their own accommodation at the following:

<p>Hotel Name: City Lodge Hotel Address: 146 Blue Gate Road Cnr Lynnwood & Daventry Roads Lynnwood Manor, Pretoria Telephone: +27 12 471 0300 email: cllynnwood.resv@citylodge.co.za website: www.clhg.com</p>	
<p>Hotel Name: Casa Toscana Lodge Address: 5 Darlington Road, Pretoria Telephone: +27 12 348 8820 email: anette@casatoscana.co.za website: www.casatoscana.co.za</p>	

Transportation To & From the Meeting Venue

SANSA has arranged a pick and drop transportation from your place of accommodation to the meeting venue.



4. Useful Information

Places of interest in Pretoria

Hartebeespoort

Hartebeespoort, (meaning “pass of the hartebeest” - a species of antelope in Afrikaans), a small holiday town, is also affectionately known as Harties. It is an idyllic bushveld setting where majestic Magaliesburg mountains add to the breathtaking beauty of the area,



Hartebeespoort is located in the North East of the North West province on the route to Sun City, and is within an hours' travel from greater Gauteng area, and is only 15kms from Lanseria International Airport and 80kms from OR Tambo International Airport.

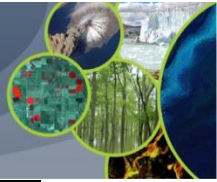
Attractions

- Hartbeespoort Aerial Cableway
- Bill Harrop's "Original" Balloon Safaris
- The Ann Van Dyk Cheetah Centre
- The Elephant Sanctuary
- Ukutula Game Lodge And Conference Centre
- The Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary
- Van Gaalen Kaas Makerij
- Tant Malie se Winkel
- Lesedi Cultural Village
- The Hartbeespoort Dam wall and tunnel
- The Hartbeespoort Dam Snake and Animal Park
- The Hartbeespoort Dam Aquarium
- Boat cruises & River Rafting
- Scuba diving at Miracle Waters
- Ama Zwing Zwing Zip Line Tours
- Welwitschia Country Market
- Chameleon Village



Getting to Hartbeespoort by road:

From Pretoria Hartbeespoort borders on Pretoria West and is only 20km along the N4 or Church Street West. From the North of Pretoria the Platinum Highway to Rustenburg passes between Hartbeespoort and Brits (aprox) 30Km.



It is the world's richest hominin site, home to around 40% of the world's human ancestor fossils.

A History of Hartbeespoort

Click to read about Hartbeespoort's history

<http://showme.co.za/hartbeespoort/tourism/a-history-lesson-hartbeespoort/>

Cradle of humankind

The Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site is one of eight South African World Heritage Sites. It is the world's richest hominin site, home to around 40% of the world's human ancestor fossils.

The 53 000ha area is also home to a diversity of birds, animals and plants, some of which are rare or endangered. Things to do at the

Cradle of Humankind include: Hot Air Balloon Safaris, Bats Cave, Bungee Jumping, Cradle stone Mall, etc. <http://www.gauteng.net/cradleofhumankind>, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cradle_of_Humankind

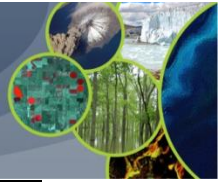


Lion Park

The Lion Park has a wealth of exciting activities for the whole family to ensure an unforgettable wildlife experience. The guests are guaranteed to get extremely close to white lion, wild dog, hyena and over twenty other African wildlife species. There are grazing areas where you will see zebra, giraffe, gemsbok, springbok and blesbok, just to mention a few. Other activities include: self-drive or day/night tours, Lion cubs, Ostrich and Giraffe interactions, etc.



<http://www.lion-park.com/home/#>



The Union Buildings

South Africa's Union Buildings, the official seat of the national government, houses the offices of the president and is located in Pretoria. They are a South African national monument. The lush gardens surrounding the buildings are a popular picnic venue, and the structure itself is considered an architectural masterpiece.



The attractively terraced gardens are a reminder of South Africa's past, playing backdrop to various monuments, including one of General Louis Botha, the first prime minister of the Union of South Africa, and the South African Police Memorial. The Union Buildings are also synonymous with South African's transition to democracy, with images of the inauguration of South Africa's first democratically elected president, Nelson Mandela, beamed around the world.

http://www.gauteng.net/attractions/entry/union_buildings/

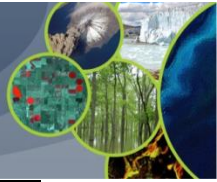
The Freedom Park Museum – a heritage destination

Freedom Park is a 52ha heritage precinct located in Salvokop, Tshwane (Pretoria). It is a site of remembrance where South Africa honours those who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for freedom. Freedom Park does not honour those who died in a specific conflict or in support of a political ideology; it pays tribute to all deserving South Africans who played a meaningful role in shaping this nation.



Although no remains are kept at Freedom Park, there are some symbols that represent the heroes of South Africa's past struggles. The 697metre long Wall of Names is inscribed with names of some of those who died in past conflicts. The wall has space for 136 000 names and more than 75 000 have been listed since 2007.

The Garden of Remembrance is a tranquil space for reflection and prayer, combined with monuments, statues and sculptures. Everyone who contributed to the Freedom of the country is acknowledged in the garden



Construction of the garden begun in July 2003 and it was completed in March 2004. This marked the first decade of democracy in South Africa.

The Hapo Museum located within Freedom Park draws its name from the Khoi word meaning 'dream' and tells the story of Africa and of South Africa in a seven parts called Epochs. The seven part of the story are Earth, Ancestors, Peopling, Resistance and Colonisation, Industrialisation and Urbanisation, Nationalism and Struggle, National Building and Continent Building. The Hapo Museum also explores the great questions – who am I and why am I here? What comes before and after death?

Open seven days a week, from 08:00am until 16:30pm.

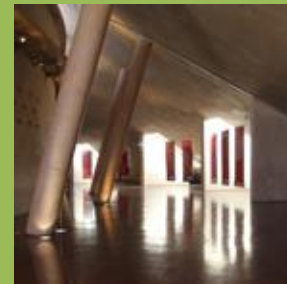
Admission prices:

- To visit both //hapo and the Garden of Remembrance is R90
- To visit //hapo only is R60
- To visit the Garden of Remembrance only is R45

Contact details: +27 12 336 4000

[Www.Freedompark.co.za](http://www.freedompark.co.za)

Address: Cnr Koch and 7th Avenue, Salvokop, Pretoria



Other attractions:

- Voortrekker Monument
http://www.gauteng.net/attractions/entry/voortrekker_monument/
- National Zoological Gardens of South Africa
<http://www.nzg.ac.za/index.php>

5. *Weather information during March*

Gauteng province is said to offer one of the world's best climates. During March, Pretoria conditions are generally warm & wet. For up-to-date weather, visit www.weathersa.co.za