



## International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE)

*Tanzania National Committee*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SECOND CIRCULAR

### AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LAUNCHING THE IYPE, 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008, ARUSHA, TANZANIA

#### 1. OBJECTIVE OF THE IYPE

In 2005 the UN General Assembly through resolution 60/192 proclaimed 2008 to be the UN International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE), and the Year's activities will span from 2007 – 2009. The main objective of the IYPE is to make more effective use of the available earth sciences knowledge and the practical experience and publications of the half a million or so earth scientists to better inform and sensitize decision makers and politicians in order to achieve sustainable development for making the earth a safer, healthier and wealthier place to live in.

#### 2. THEMES OF THE IYPE

The ten main themes of the IYPE are:

- Groundwater – *towards sustainable use*
- Hazards – *minimizing risks, maximizing awareness*
- Earth and Health – *building a safer environment*
- Climate – *the “stone tape”*
- Resources – *prosperity and sustainability*
- Mega Cities – *going deeper building safer*
- Deep Earth – *from crust to core*
- Oceans – *abyss of time*
- Soils – *the living skin of the earth*
- Earth and Life – *origins of diversity*

#### 3. IYPE LAUNCHING ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA

The launching of the IYPE in Africa will be hosted by Tanzania and a Regional Conference to mark the event will be held at the Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

The launching activities will focus on the following;

- i) Conference paper and poster presentations
- ii) Exhibitions of both physical and literature materials

(iii) Pre and Post conference excursions

#### 4. CONFERENCE

*Conference objective:*

To demonstrate to the policy and decision makers and the public at large, the contributions made by earth scientists in achieving sustainable development.

*Target groups*

Conference participants will be scientists, politicians, policy and decision makers, planners, students, development partners and the general public.

*Main conference theme:*

***Earth Sciences for Society and Sustainable Development in Africa***

The conference will address four key issues encompassing the 10 main science themes of the IYPE as follows:

### **i) Health and human well-being**

Burden of diseases, health systems, food and nutrition, public health, water and sanitation, emerging and re-emerging diseases, life on earth including man's evolution and biodiversity.

### **ii) Sustainable use of resources**

Mineral and energy resources, terrestrial ecosystems, oceans, fresh water /hydrologic cycle/groundwater surface water interactions and assessments, geological diversity.

### **iii) Natural and human induced hazards and disasters**

Climate change, hydro-meteorological hazards (floods and flash floods, droughts, heat waves, fires, tropical cyclones and hurricanes, severe storms); geological hazards (earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and explosive crater lakes, landslides, mudflows, erosion and siltation); biological hazards (epidemics, pest infections); astrophysical hazards (space weather, meteorite impacts); human-induced hazards and disasters (air and water pollution, gas flaring, small-scale mining, toxic waste disposal, land degradation, conflict related hazards); disasters mitigation, adaptation and prevention.

### **(iv) Science Education**

Capacity building in science and technology, Sciences communication and popularization,

human migrations, engineering and innovations, natural and cultural heritage, cultural diversity, culture, ethical, sociological and economic issues for planet earth management and Indigenous Knowledge

## **5. CALL FOR PAPERS**

*Organisers are calling for papers to mark the IYPE in Africa. Papers should address the above mentioned themes. Papers should be written in word format, font 12, and 1.5 spacing.*

Online two page Extended Abstract deadline: **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Online Notification of accepted abstract: **February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Online Submission of full papers deadline: **30<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

Extended abstracts and papers should be written in ENGLISH targeting a broad audience of participants and should focus on policy issues, practical experiences and action oriented recommendations.

## **6. EXCURSIONS**

Pre-conference excursion will take place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 around Arusha and Kilimanjaro areas as follows, Olduvai Gorge, Ngorongoro Crater, Oldoinyo Lengai (active volcano), Mererani Tanzanite mines, Minjingu phosphate mines and Kilimanjaro Mountain.

Post-conference excursion activities will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and will include, Lake Victoria gold fields, Pugu kaolin, Zanzibar and Mafia marine parks and coastal biodiversity, Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara World Heritage Site) Archeological Sites, Rungwe volcanics, Kiwira coalmines and Williamson Diamond Mines

Costs of excursion will be communicated to you latter.

## **7. HOTELS**

There are wide range of hotels in Arusha which cater for different needs, tastes and budget. The following hotels are recommended for conference participants. For more information about the hotels including their rates, please visit their web sites or contact them directly through the provided telephone numbers.

- Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge  
[www.thengurdotomountainlodge.com](http://www.thengurdotomountainlodge.com) ;  
Tel : + 255 272555217/26; Fax +255 272555227/28; email  
:Ngurdoto@thengurudotomountainlodge.com
- Kibo Palace Hotel.  
[www.kibopalacehotel.com](http://www.kibopalacehotel.com);Tel: +255 272544472/2548887;

**Fax: +255272548832;**  
**emai:reservations@kibopalacehotel.com**

- East African Hotel.  
[www.eastafricanhotel.com](http://www.eastafricanhotel.com). Tel:  
+255 272050075; Fax + 255

272050074;email:  
[reservation@eastafricanhotel.com](mailto:reservation@eastafricanhotel.com)

- New Safari Hotel;www.newsafarhotel.com;Tel: +255 272 503 261/2503262;Fax +255 272 548 318;email:newsafarhotel@habari.co.tz
- The Arusha Hotel; www.arushahotel.com;Tel: +255 272507777/8870-3; Fax + 255 27250 8889;Mob +255 754 250777;email;marketing@newarusha.com
- The Impala Hotel;www.impalahotel.com; Tel+ 255 27 2502962,+ 255 27 2507083; Fax +255 27 2508220, 2508680, email: [impala@cybernet.co.tz](mailto:impala@cybernet.co.tz),[impala@impalahotel.com](mailto:impala@impalahotel.com)

Apart from the above hotels, there are *Standard* and *Budget hotels* which one can book. These cost between US \$ 20 to 50 per day. The list includes;

- Labela Luna Hotel-  
+255 27 2544169 or  
+ 255 754 595845
- Arusha tourist inn  
+ 255 27 2500421
- NaazHotel

+255 27 2508893 or

+255 27 2502087

- Arusha Crown Hotel

+255 27 2508523-24

- Acquiline Hotel

+ 255 784 278206

- Eland Motel

+ 255 27 2507868

- Leisure Safari Lodge

+255 755 420426

- Spice and Herbs Hotel

+ 255 27 2502279

- Leisure Jaranda Hotel

+ 255 27 2544624 or

+ 255 784 986116

- Palson Hotel

+255 27 2548483 or

+255 787 317532

The distance from Arusha town where these hotel are located to Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge is 27 km.

## 8. VENUE

The launching will take place at Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge which is nestled between Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru. This lodge is ideally located between Arusha town and Kilimanjaro International Airport, 27 km either way.

## 9. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

Some hotels may not accept credit cards; you are kindly advised to carry with you Travellers' Cheques.

## 10. WEATHER IN ARUSHA.

Despite its closeness to the equator, Arusha's elevation of 1400 m on the southern slopes of Mount Meru keeps temperatures down and alleviates humidity. In May the temperature ranges between 13 and 20 degrees Celsius with an average around 17 degrees Celsius.

## 11. EXHIBITIONS

Exhibitions demonstrating any of the IYPE themes are most welcomed.

**Exhibition costs:** 3x3 sqm exhibition booth will be charged US \$ 300.00

### Exhibition summary

Please submit a brief summary of what you intend to exhibit to the contact address presented in this announcement.

Online submission deadline: *15<sup>th</sup> March , 2008*

## 12. SIGHTSEEING

Interesting tourist sites across Tanzania may be visited as post conference activity .These will include Serengeti National Park, Selous game reserve, Kilimanjaro mountain climbing; Zanzibar spices island, Gombe and Mahale Mountain National park, Katavi and Manyara national parks and Lake Victoria Saanane Island

Competent tour operators have already been arranged through the Tanzania National Parks for handling the tourists at conference package rates.

## 13. REGISTRATION

Online Conference registration deadline: *March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

### Registration fees

International participants

Non students USD 400

Students USD 200

Local participants

Non students TSHS 250, 000

Students TSHS 100, 000

Extra 20 % will be charged for late registrations outside the set deadlines.

Registration fees will cover lunch and teas served during the conference, conference bag and materials and one reception dinner and a cock tail.

## 14. BANK ACCOUNT

Registration fees and other contributions should be remitted to the following Bank:

Bank: CRDB Bank Ltd

Branch: Azikiwe Branch Dar es Salaam

A/C No: 01J 102772101

Name: National Commission  
for UNESCO (IYPE)

Address : P.O.Box 20384,  
Dar es Salaam,  
TANZANIA

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