



African Seismological Commission

GUIDELINES FOR COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN AfSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following are guidelines for countries that have expressed an interest in hosting an AfSC General Assembly:

- 1) AfSC General Assemblies are best held at university venues where good lecture halls and inexpensive student accommodations can be found. But they are not limited to these venues.

Reasonable prices for meals and standard hotel rates are very important.

It is also desirable to have low cost accommodation to encourage student participation. If needed, arrangements for local transportation should be provided.

- 2) The meeting occupies normally about 3-5 working day sessions and is held at a time (e.g. July or August) which does not coincide with the academic year for most universities.
- 3) Meeting attendance varies.

Meeting rooms (seating 50-100) will be needed to accommodate about three parallel sessions. Nearby areas for poster display should be available for each of these sessions. At least one very large meeting room (seating up to 200) will be needed for the Opening Ceremony, Opening and Closing Plenary, and Keynote Lectures. Small meeting rooms (seating up to 50) for the various AfSC Commissions, Working Groups, etc., will also be needed.

The AfSC Secretariat will require a reception area, a small meeting room and local secretarial help. Access to a personal computer (for printing of documents), internet connection and a copying machine will be essential.

Free Wi-Fi access should be supplied with a small business centre with a few computers linked to the internet.

- 4) The scientific program and scheduling is set by the AfSC Executive with input from the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and members. The LOC is responsible for issuing the Call for Papers based on this scientific program, abstract submission, publication of the program, and all local arrangements. The LOC is assisted in these

tasks by the AfSC Secretary. Scientific and accompanying persons tours are encouraged. These are normally organized with the help of a local travel agent.

- 5) The LOC is also responsible for setting the Registration Fee which should cover all the local costs for organizing the meeting. This fee should normally NOT be more than about US\$200. Any costs incurred through the use of a professional organizer should be covered by the Registration Fee and/or sources of income other than AfSC/IASPEI. AfSC/IASPEI does not have the resources to contribute to meeting costs, but does make some contributions to the travel and living expenses of participants as funds permit. However, support will be mainly given to students and early career scientists.

All formal invitations to host an AfSC General Assembly in 2018 and possibly 2020 must be received by myself, Michelle Grobbelaar, before the 30 April 2017. These invitations should address all the points raised above in a summary no more than two pages long. Each potential host country will be asked to present their candidacy to the AfSC Executive Committee at both the AfricaArray meeting in Johannesburg and at the IASPEI meeting in Kobe, so you are advised to prepare your proposal carefully. Shortly after the formal presentations you will be informed of the Committee's decision.

Kind regards



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