



Creating sustainable societies: Scaling up ESD through the Global Action Programme

**Second Announcement of the 33rd International Conference of the
Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa**

Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha, Swaziland

Date: 21st – 24th September 2015



Hosted By

**The Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) in Collaboration with the national ESD
Stakeholders**

EEASA 2015 Background

EEASA is an organisation for environmental educators in the SADC region. Its membership is comprised of educators in all levels, researchers, environmentalists, NGO's, learners and professional environmental organisations. EEASA is governed by an elected council which coordinates and implements the decisions taken in conferences. The organization provides a forum for EE practitioners and learners to share their experiences and ideas necessary for developing EE practises and related fields in the region. Swaziland has been a partner in the development of EEASA and was instrumental in ensuring that the organization develops into an efficient regional forum.

The 33rd annual EEASA Conference will be held at Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha, Swaziland from the 21st -24th of September 2015. The conference is being hosted by the Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) in collaboration with the University of Swaziland, Swaziland National Trust Commission, Ministry of Education and Lower Usuthu Sustainable Land Management. There is a limit of 600 delegates at the conference; hence an early registration of an interest to attend the conference is essential.

Conference Theme

The theme of the Conference is “***Creating sustainable societies: Scaling up ESD through Global Action Programme***”. The theme responds to the post UN decade of Education for Sustainable Development as well as the coming to an end of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) whilst at the same time acknowledging the imminent launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Conference will focus on critical environment and sustainable development issues with particular attention paid to how different stakeholders and entities, both public and private, participate in the undertaking of activities aimed at the realization of the *future we want*. The main rationale for hosting the EEASA conference is to raise awareness and motivate local and regional stakeholders and entities to commit to the implementation of the Rio+20 outcomes as well as the post UNDESD Global Action Programme (GAP) enshrined in the Nagoya Declaration recently adopted in Japan.

Papers for the conference will be grouped under the following sub-themes or working groups:

1. Governance and social stability in attaining sustainable development
2. Actions and opportunities for ESD within the GAP framework
3. Mainstreaming ESD and Climate Change Education in the formal and non-formal education curriculum
4. Mobilizing Children and Youth for ESD
5. The media and social media as tools for ESD
6. Indigenous knowledge, culture and community involved in ESD
7. Policy innovation, support and implementation in ESD
8. Strengthening ESD and SDG's in the post 2015 era
9. Green economy, sustainable production and consumption in the 21st century
10. Sustainable towns and cities in Southern Africa

Call for Papers

When submitting an abstract for a conference paper, indicate the subtheme your abstract is addressing. Expressions of interest and abstracts of 150 words should be sent to Ms Belusile Mhlanga (SEA) on email: eeasaconf@sea.org.sz

DATES

The 33rd annual EEASA Conference will be held at Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha, Swaziland from the 21st to 24th September 2015.



Accommodation Arrangements

Esibayeni Lodge will be the main accommodation for delegates during the conference. It has several accommodation options, ranging from typical hotel rooms where you have two people sharing, to self-catering chalets. Delegates that will be flying will have to use our first class shuttle service available at the King Mswati 111 International Airport and drop off at the Mahhala Shopping Complex in Matsapha and a hotel shuttle service will pick them up from there to the conference centre. Delegates who will be using private accommodation will have to organise their own transport. However, the shuttle service route is along most of the hotels



Conference Fees

The conference fees as follows

Registration Fees

- ✚ All Inclusive Registration Fee (EEASA Membership, Conference Material Standard Hotel Accommodation & Meals for 5 nights, Local Transport and Conference Functions –
 - **Early Registration (30 May 2015) -E 3600.00**
 - **Late Registration (31 July 2015) -E3800.00**
 - **Registration during the conference -E4000.00**
 - **Registration (no accommodation)- E3 000**
- ✚ Daily Attendee
 - **E 1000.00**

Banking Details

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Delegates are therefore advised to start early to source their own funds to attend the conference.

Key Conference Activities

The following will form part of the conference

-  Presentation of Academic papers
-  Poster Presentations
-  Round Table Discussions
-  Workshops
-  Market place and displays
-  Keynote Presentations

Excursions

Planned excursions for the conference will be in line with the theme of the conference, vibrant Swazi culture, and the emerging challenges of development in communities.



Performances

The Swazi People are proud of their colourful vibrant culture; therefore, one of the highlights of the EEASA 2015 social nights will be a “Cultural exchange night” where delegates will experience the royal treatment. Delegates are requested to bring their traditional attires and musical instruments. The night will feature vibrant Swazi traditional songs, dances and dishes. This will be an opportunity for all delegates to indulge in diverse cultural activities.



Important Dates

Submission of Abstracts	27th March, 2015
Notification of Authors	17th April, 2015
Submission of Full Papers	29th June, 2015
Arrival	20th September, 2015
Conference	21st -24th September 2015
Departure	25th September 2015

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