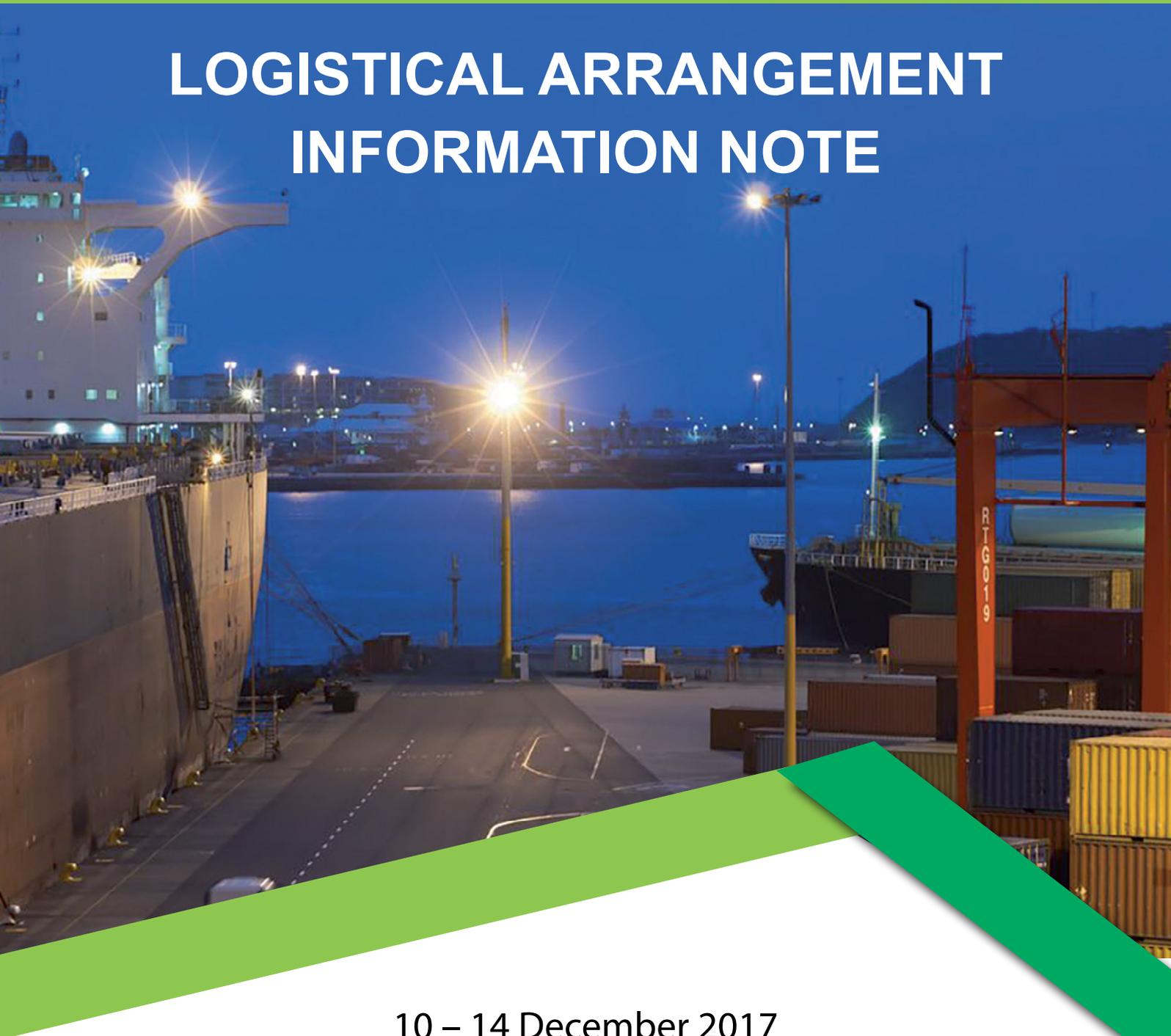




2017 PIDA Week

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENT INFORMATION NOTE



10 – 14 December 2017

The Dome, Swakopmund, Namibia



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EVENT & VENUE

PIDA Week 2017 provides a platform for stakeholders to engage in accelerating and synergising their efforts to:

1. accelerate projects preparation and implementation;
2. mobilise adequate financial and technical resources for projects;
3. increase private sector participation in PIDA implementation; and
4. mobilise Member States

to integrate PIDA projects into their national development plans.

PIDA Week 2017 will be hosted by the Government of Namibia and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), NEPAD Agency and AUC.

The Dome, Swakopmund is conveniently located just minutes from the Swakopmund CBD. The Dome provides many business related solutions including: retail space, consultation rooms, conference centre, business suites and entertainment venues for functions, all of which are luxuriously upmarket and stylishly designed.

ABOUT NAMIBIA

Namibia is situated on Africa's south-western seaboard. Its neighbouring countries are Angola to the north, Botswana and Zimbabwe to the east and South Africa to the south. The country is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean in the west. Namibia covers 824 268 square kilometres (almost four times the size of the UK and twice that of Germany) and is divided into 13 regions as determined by the delimitation commission.

The total population is estimated at 2.3 million, of which \pm 15% resides in the capital, Windhoek. Approximately 37% of the population lives in urban areas. Namibia is one of the three most sparsely populated countries in Africa. The average population density is 2.6 people per square kilometre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see annexure

ARRIVALS

Delegates will be met on arrival at Walvis Bay Airport, assisted with entry formalities and provided with transport to the recommended hotels.

Delegates, who intend to arrive earlier or stay on after the meeting for other business, are advised to make their own arrangements for such purposes.

TRANSPORT

TRAVELLING TO WALVIS BAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Transport will be available from Walvis Bay Airport to any of the recommended hotels. A special Desk will be set up at the airport to assist with immigration, customs and luggage clearances.

Flights

There are daily flights between OR Tambo International and Walvis Bay International Airport.

Below please find the flight schedule of flights arriving into Walvis Bay International:

Carrier	Flight Number	Arriving From	ETA
Air Namibia	SW730	Johannesburg	09:55
South African Express	SA1721	Cape Town	13:05
Air Namibia	SW716	Cape Town	13:10
South African Express	SA1701	Johannesburg	14:10
Air Namibia	SW715	Windhoek	15:35
Air Namibia	SW167	Windhoek	16:10

Below please find the flight schedule of flight department from Walvis Bay International:

Carrier	Flight Number	Departing For	ETD
Air Namibia	SW164	Windhoek	10:25
South African Express	SA1722	Cape Town	13:35
Air Namibia	SW716	Windhoek	13:40
South African Express	SA1702	Johannesburg	14:45
Air Namibia	SW715	Cape Town	16:05
Air Namibia	SW737	Johannesburg	16:40

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM HOSEA KUTAKO WINDHOEK INTERNATIONAL

A shared bus service / shuttle is available from Windhoek City to Swakpmund at a cost N\$650 per person, departure times from Windhoek is 7:00 and 14:00

Please note bookings are essential for this service and contact

Anna van der Merwe – Bookings Consultant

CARLO'S SHUTTLE AND TOURS CC

<http://www.carloshuttlenamibia.com.na>

You can also contact / book via whatsapp : +264 81 2704395 or +264 814195886

Should you wish to arrange a private transfer, please make contact with the bookings office.

**** Traveling from to and Hosea Kutako Airport in Windhoek shall be at the participants own cost. ****

REGISTRATION

Registration will be done at The Dome. All Delegates will be issued with Cards and entrance to the conference facilities will be subject to identification.

PROTOCOL

All delegations will be provided with Liaison Officer for the coordination of transport, accommodation issues and other matters.

SECURITY

Swakopmund is generally safe and peaceful place, but, as with many international tourist destinations, caution should be exercised with valuables and normal safety precautions should be taken.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Reservation should be made directly with the hotel and the Secretariat should be informed accordingly. Delegates will be personally responsible for the settlement of their hotel bills including telephone calls (local and international), laundry and bar service. In case of difficulty in making reservation, please inform the coordination unit who will make the necessary arrangement. Transportation between selected hotels and the venue will be provided.

WEATHER

Please visit the below link for weather updates

www.accuweather.com/en/na/swakopmund/242933/weather-forecast/242933

LANGUAGE

English is the official language, while Oshiwambo, Afrikaans, Herero, KhoeKhoegowab, German, Lozi, Rukwangali, Tswana and various San languages are also spoken.

TIME

Time is uniform throughout the country and is UTC/GMT +4 hours.

CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

In September 1993 Namibia introduced its own currency, the Namibian dollar (N\$). It is linked to and on par with the South African rand (ZAR), which is also legal tender in Namibia. Most major foreign currencies and traveller's cheques can be exchanged and international credit cards are generally accepted as a method of payment.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/MEDICAL FACILITIES

There is no risk of yellow fever in Namibia. The government of Namibia requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever. This does not include the US. If you are traveling from a country other than the US, check this list to see if you may be required to get the yellow fever vaccine:

COUNTRIES WITH RISK OF YELLOW FEVER VIRUS (YFV) TRANSMISSION

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2018/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever#5291>

WATER AND ELECTRICITY

It is recommended to take bottled water for drinking. The electrical supply is 220V AC, 50Hz. The plugs used in most hotels are three-pin (South African), although two-pin plugs are also used.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The country telephone code is +264 and the area code is 64. Fax facilities are available at most hotels. E-communication is also available with good Internet connectivity. Most hotels provide internet services.

International Direct Dialing facilities are available. International phone cards can also be bought at retail outlets across the town.

CULTURE

Due to the diversity of cultures in Namibia, a number of cultural festivals and ceremonies take place throughout the year.

RELIGION

95 % of the population is Christian; Muslim and Hindu faiths are all prevalent in the country.