



11th International Kimberlite Conference  
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## See You Soon at 11 IKC!

Dear Delegate,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to 11<sup>th</sup> International Kimberlite Conference in Gaborone, Botswana from 18-22 September 2017. Below is a summary of useful and important information for the conference and field trips as well as your arrival in Gaborone. Also see [Travel Information page](#).

## 11 IKC BULLETIN BOARD

Please check the 11 IKC Bulletin Board for the latest updates - [click here](#).

## ARRIVING IN GABORONE AND TRANSFERRING TO GICC

### Entry Formalities

Ensure you are carrying

1. YOUR VALID PASSPORT
2. ANY APPLICABLE VISAS etc.
3. POSSIBLY US\$ 30.00 CASH PER PERSON for the following levy.

Tourism Development Levy (TDL) for all visitors to Botswana, with the exception of residents and citizens of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) was expected to take effect on the 1st of June 2017. Payments are collected at all ports of entry including airports and border posts and in cash (US Dollars). After the payment, a unique receipt corresponding to the passport will be generated. The receipt should then be presented to Immigration Officials. The passport and the receipt will be stamped and handed back to the traveller. The receipt will be valid for a 30 day period and can be used for multiple entry.

For more information, please visit <http://www.botswanaturism.co.bw/tourismlevy>

### Meet and Greet at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Gaborone

Representatives of 11 IKC will be meeting 11 IKC delegates at the main Sir Seretse Khama International Airport as follows:

- Saturday 9 September 09.00-17.00 (for Pre-Conference Field trip #1 Participants)
- Saturday 16 September 09.00-17.00
- Sunday 17 September 09.00-17.00

Please look for the 11 IKC Signage in the Arrivals Hall. There will be a shuttle bus transferring 11 IKC delegates to the on-site Walmont Hotel and the Metcourt Inn adjacent to the GICC within the Grand Palm Resort.

## Arrival outside of the complimentary 11 IKC Meet and Greet

Should you arrive outside of the complimentary 11 IKC Meet and Greet, please refer to the below instructions on how to book your airport transfer.

Given that there is no standard taxi stand at the Gaborone airport, all travellers are best advised not to take any personal taxi offerings.

We suggest booking an airport pick up from Rosewell Chauffeurs who have a desk in the Walmont foyer and can be contacted through their website:

<http://www.rosewellchauffeurs.co.bw/index.php/our-rates> and the Airport transfer fee is P200.00 (approximately \$20 USD)

## Departures

On your departure, we suggest you check with the Walmont and/or Metcourt Inn if they have a complimentary shuttle that suits your airport departure time. Otherwise, we would again advise to use Roswell – see above.

## GRAND PALM RESORT

**Grand Palm Resort:** The conference venue, the Gaborone International Convention Centre, as well as the Walmont Hotel and the Metcourt Inn are all located within the Grand Palm Resort. All the 11 IKC Technical Sessions and Social Events are being held within the Grand Palm Resort. If you are staying at the on-site hotels there is no need to leave the resort.

**CASH:** You may need local currency (BWP = Pula) for on-site extras such as drinks at the conference CASH BARS or off-site extras at the nearby corner stores. Local currency can be obtained using a credit or debit card from ATM's located between the Walmont Hotel and Casino.

**Wifi:** There is internet access via free Wifi generally available in both hotels and in the GICC.

**Electrical Sockets:** The Grand Palm Resort has 220 voltage with a mixture of wall plugs (i) square pins (British model) or (ii) large round pins (South African model) and you may need both adapters for your electric or electronic devices.

## CONFERENCE

**Registration Desk:** Registration for 11 IKC conference delegates and accompanying persons will take place in or near the Foyer of GICC and will be open at the following times:

- Sunday 17 September 13.00 – 17.30
- Monday 18 September 07.00 – 18.00
- Tuesday-Friday 19-22 September see times posted at Registration Desk.

**Name Badges:** For security purposes, delegate name badges must be worn at all times. Some badges will have a coloured band at the bottom to denote different categories of attendee.

### Conference Delegate Bag includes:

- 11 IKC Programme Book which contains details of the Technical Sessions and Social Functions
- 11 IKC Long Abstracts – the 11 IKC USB stick which contains digital copies of Long Abstracts (that are searchable) and Field Trip Guides for Field Trips FT2 and FT4. Long Abstracts will also be available via the 11 IKC website during the conference.
- Drink Tickets for the three special social functions (Icebreaker, Botswana Bush Braai, Farewell Dinner) – please make sure you have these with you at the respective functions.

**11 IKC T Shirts:** 11 IKC T Shirts in several different designs will be on sale at the Registration Desk. Please buy early for greater choice of both design and size. Price: US\$ 25 or BWP250 for one; US\$ 40 or BWP 400 for two.

**Purchases:** Cash (BWP) or credit card.

**Registration Fee Includes:**

- Technical Sessions – both Oral and Poster Presentations
- Monday-Friday – 3 Coffee/Tea Breaks and Lunch each day
- Sunday-Friday – Dinner including the special Social Events.

## TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

**Conference Technical Programme** - [click here](#) to find the latest Poster and Oral Programmes.

### Oral Sessions

There will be single oral sessions on each of the five days of the conference starting at 08.30 (Monday to Friday).

**Speaker Ready Room:** will be in the **Serondela Room #1, GICC**. Speakers should load their presentation at least three hours prior to the start of their session, or preferably the previous day. The Speaker's Ready Room will be open at 13.00 – 18.00 on Sunday 17 September and from 07.00 on Monday 18 September. Please check at the Speaker Ready Room for Monday to Friday times.

### Poster Sessions

- Monday 18 September 16.10 – 19.00
- Tuesday 19 September 16.00 – 19.00
- Thursday 21 September 16.00 – 18.30

In addition, all posters will be on display all day Monday to Thursday and until lunch time on Friday.

**Presenters at Posters:** For the first 90 minutes of each the above three poster sessions for discussion.

**COFFEE/TEA BREAK and CASH BAR** will be available during Poster Sessions

### Mantle Exhibit

This unique exhibition will be **on display** in the Poster Room from Sunday 13.00 to Friday lunch time.

## PREPARING TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

### Oral Presentations

Standard Orals are 15 minutes in length plus an additional 5 minutes for discussion and changeover. Please note that the new upgraded "projection" system for 11 IKC will consist of a single active LED screen that is 6 metres wide and 4 metres high. This screen ratio is suitable for the new 16:9 widescreen format in PowerPoint. Slides in the classical 4:3 format will, however, fit equally well.

**SPEAKERS:** should load their presentation at least three hours prior to the start of their session, or preferably the previous day.

### Poster Presentations

Please note the updated poster size - 1.95m wide and 0.95m vertical. Posters need to be landscape orientation. The method of attachment is push pin, which will be provided onsite.

**PRESENTERS:** SHOULD BE AT THEIR POSTERS FOR FIRST 90 minutes of each poster session

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Sunday 17 September

#### 11 IKC Icebreaker

**Time:** 17.30

**Location:** The Boma and adjacent areas outside behind Walmont Hotel

**Dress Code:** Casual; flat shoes recommended (grass under foot)

### Monday 18 September

#### Dinner Buffet

**Time:** 19.00

**Location:** Glass Marquee

### Tuesday 19 September

#### Dinner Buffet

**Time:** 19.00

**Location:** Glass Marquee

### Wednesday 20 September

#### Celebrating 50 years of Diamonds in Botswana

**Coffee/Tea Time:** 15.00

**Location:** GICC Gardens

**Talk: Journey of Botswana's Diamonds by Mike Brook (Debswana)**

**Orapa Video:** Chronicles the discovery, evaluation and opening of the Orapa Diamond Mine

**Time:** 15.30

**Location:** Lecture Hall, GICC

#### Botswana Bush Braai

**Time:** Leave GICC at ~17.15 for a 17.30 start

**Location:** 500m behind the GICC outside in the bush (past the Marquee then follow the signs) which is part of the original Bonnington Farm the 2.7 Ga Gaborone Granite Complex within the Archaean Kaapvaal Craton.

**Dress Code:** Very casual bush gear with flat, closed shoes are recommended.

### Thursday 21 September

#### Dinner – Burgers by the Pool

**Time:** 18.30

**Location:** Walmont Hotel Pool

### Friday 22 September

#### 11 IKC Farewell Dinner

*Celebrating 50 years of Diamonds in Botswana*

#### Welcome Drinks

**Time:** 19.00

**Location:** around the Fountains in front of the GICC main entrance

#### Dinner

**Time:** ~20.00

**Location:** Tsolido Hall, GICC

**Dress Code:** Black and White with a touch of elegance

## **Saturday 23 September - Optional Post Conference Social Events**

### **Hangover Pizza Lunch (for delegates who are still around)**

**Time:** ~12.30

**Location:** The Boma behind the Walmont

**RSVP:** Please notify the Registration Desk if you would (or cannot) join us for lunch.

### **Mokolodi Evening Bush Experience**

**Time:** 15.30

**Location:** Bus will leave from the front of the GICC

**Tickets:** To join us you should have already purchased a ticket via the 11 IKC registration site.

**Dress Code:** Very casual and comfortable bushwear, sunhat and jersey and flat, closed shoes.

**REMEMBER: BRING YOUR BINOCULARS AND CAMERA**

## **FIELD TRIPS**

### **FT1 - Desert Gems – Botswana's Major Mines**

#### **PRE-Conference**

**Saturday 9 September:**

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**Time:** 19.00

**Location:** Bai Sheng Restaurant, Walmont Hotel, Grand Palm Resort (two minute walk from the Metcourt Hotel).

**Sunday 10 September:** Buses A and B will leave from in front of the Metcourt Inn at different times which will be confirmed at the Welcome Dinner. It is expected that

*BUS A* to Orapa first will have breakfast at 06.00 and the bus will depart promptly at 07.00 for the 10 hour 700 kms trip to Orapa.

*BUS B* to Jwaneng first will have breakfast at 08.00 and the bus will depart promptly at 09.00 for the 1 hour trip to Lobatse and later to Jwaneng.

**Luggage Storage:** Participants can leave excess luggage at the hotel at no charge for the duration of the field trip.

**Personal Protection Equipment (PPE):** Please ensure that you have with you all the required PPE as listed on the Field Trip Overview Page or the Detailed Itinerary for Field Trip#1 including mine-safety steel toe capped boots.

**Malaria:** Please remember your Malaria Medications.

#### **POST-Conference**

**Tuesday 19 September:** Meet for a briefing by the field trip leaders in the 11 IKC Lecture Hall of the GICC at the conclusion of the Tuesday afternoon oral sessions currently scheduled for 16.00.

**Sunday 24 September:** Bus A to Orapa will leave from in front of the Walmont Hotel. It is expected that we will have breakfast at 06.00 and the bus will depart promptly at 07.00 for the 10 hour 700 kms trip to Orapa. Please advise the secretariat at registration which hotel you are staying at for the conference and later in case of changes.

**Luggage Storage:** Participants can leave excess luggage at the hotel at no charge for the duration of the field trip.

**Personal Protection Equipment (PPE):** Please ensure that you have with you all the required PPE as listed on the Field Trip Overview Page or the Detailed Itinerary for Field Trip#1 including mine-safety steel toe capped boots.

**Malaria:** Please remember your Malaria Medications.

### **FT2 - The First Gems – Kimberley and Surrounds, South Africa**

**Before Arriving:** Please email the Field trip 2 Leader Jock Robey with arrival details so that he can meet you at the Kimberley Airport and transport you to the hotel.

Jock's email is [jjrobey@telkomsa.net](mailto:jjrobey@telkomsa.net) and mobile number +27833789978.

**Sunday 10 September:** All participants should arrive in time to reach the hotel before dinner time. If not being met at the Kimberley Airport by Jock Robey (see above) please go to the Horseshoe Inn

**Address:** 101 Memorial Road, Rooydene, Kimberley, 8301, South Africa

**Phone:** [+27 53 832 5267](tel:+27538325267)

All field trip participants should be ready at 6pm for the Dinner and Icebreaker drinks and talk by writer/historian Steve Lunderstedt.

**Sunday 17 September:** All participants are under your own arrangements to depart and travel to Gaborone, Botswana ideally in time for the Conference Icebreaker which starts at 17.30. Note the Conference 11 IKC Meet and Greet.

**Personal Protection Equipment (PPE):** Please ensure that you have with you all the required PPE as listed on the Field Trip Overview Page or the Detailed Itinerary for Field Trip#1 including mine-safety steel toe capped boots.

### **FT4 - Highland Gems – Maluti Mountain Diamonds, Lesotho**

**Thursday 21 September:** Meet for a briefing by the field trip leaders in the 11 IKC Lecture Hall of the GICC at the conclusion of the Thursday afternoon oral sessions currently scheduled for 16.00.

**Saturday 23 September:** ALL participants should organise their own transport from their hotel in Gaborone to the Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport Garden Court Hotel. The hotel is near the Johannesburg International Airport but requires taking the complimentary door-to-door shuttle service which operates at regular 30 minute intervals from the shuttle pick-up point at OR Tambo International Airport.

**Sunday 24 September:** The 4x4 vehicles will depart early.

**Personal Protection Equipment (PPE):** Please ensure that you have with you all the required PPE as listed on the Field Trip Overview Page or the Detailed Itinerary for Field Trip#1 including mine-safety steel toe capped boots.

### **FT9 - Gaborone Gems – Diamond Sorting 9A and 9B**

If you have purchased a ticket to visit the diamond sorting centres, please make sure you know which day and time your visit is scheduled for as *the date and time of your booked visit(s) cannot be changed after August 15 because of security issues.*

**FT9A - [Diamond Trading Company Botswana](#)** (Debswana Production) will depart at 08.00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from GICC.

**FT9B - [De Beers Global Sightholder Sales](#)** will depart Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 08.00 and on Wednesday at 11.00 from GICC.

**All:** Buses will leave promptly from the front of the GICC. Please bring ONLY your passport (as submitted to 11 IKC). Please do not bring anything else such as handbag, phone, camera etc. to prevent security issues.

## ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

The Accompanying Persons Programme which is organised by Chain of Events and includes all six conference evening dinners (Sunday 17 to Friday 22 September) and the following tour package:

### Day 1: Monday 18 September - Gaborone City Tour

Starts with **Field Trip 9A: Rough Diamond Sorting**

**Time: 08.00**

**Location:** Bus will leave promptly from the front of the GICC. Please bring ONLY your passport (as submitted to 11 IKC). Anything else such as handbag, phone, camera etc. can be left in the bus to prevent security issues. The trip will continue with the Gaborone City Tour.

### Day 2: Tuesday 19 September – Mokolodi Nature Reserve

### Day 3: Thursday 21 September - Cultural/Historic Tour Around Gaborone

### Day 4: Friday 22 September - Gaborone Highlights

## USEFUL THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

- Passport, visas etc. + a copy
- Hat with brim especially for field trips
- Sunglasses
- Camera (battery/memory /charger)
- Binoculars
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Hand sanitizer
- Electrical Adapters (powers sockets are of type D and M. The standard voltage is 230V and the standard frequency is 50 HZ)
- Malaria Medications if required (only recommended for 11 IKC Field Trip /1) or any other medications you require
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Best regards,

Secretariat

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c/o Venue West Conference Services Ltd.

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