

International MUON Workshop 2019 (ALICE)

Third and Final Announcement

iThemba LABS (Laboratory for Accelerator-Based Sciences) is hosting the next International MUON Workshop in Cape Town, South Africa from **1 – 5 April 2019**. This event is being held under the auspices of the Muon Group of ALICE, the SA-CERN Program and iThemba LABS.

A comprehensive scientific program, encompassing a full range of topics and activities related to the Muon Spectrometer, will be covered. Delegates and accompanying persons will also enjoy an interesting social program. Information, including the agenda is available at: <https://indico.tlabs.ac.za/event/80/>.

The registration fee of R 5500 includes the workshop fees, the opening function, lunches and refreshments during the workshop, the workshop dinner and the daily transport between the hotel and the venue.

VENUE: The Workshop venue is the iThemba LABS Auditorium.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS: For those participants who requested airport transfers, please note that the airport transfers will be provided by **Faircape Shuttle Company**. **Mike will be your driver (078 908 2377)** and will meet you on arrival to transfer you to your hotel. Look out for a board with your name/iThemba LABS.

DAILY TRANSPORT will be provided to/from the Protea Hotel Cape Town Waterfront Breakwater Lodge and iThemba LABS. A bus (Eljosa Bus Company) will collect all participants at the following times:

Monday 1 April: 09:00 am

Wednesday 3 April: 07:30 am

Tuesday 2 April, Thursday 4 April and Friday 5 April: 08:00 am

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

Welcome function: A welcome reception will take place on **Monday 1 April** at the end of the day's programme. This will include drinks and a "spitbraai" (lamb on spit cooked over coals). Accompanying persons will be collected from the Hotel at 16:00 pm to join the welcome reception at iThemba LABS. Transport will be provided back to the hotel after the function at approximately 20:00 pm.

Tour of iThemba LABS: A tour of iThemba LABS will take place from 10:30-12:00 on **Wednesday 3 April** for those delegates who are not participating in the IB meeting.

Excursion: The excursion will follow directly after the IB meeting and the tour of iThemba LABS at 12:00. A packed lunch will be provided. The excursion will include a visit to the Boulders Penguin Colony and the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Accompanying persons will be collected from the Hotel at 11:00 to join the excursion from iThemba LABS at 12:00. The bus will return to the hotel at approximately 18:00 pm and will drop off other participants at iThemba LABS.

Workshop Dinner: The Workshop Dinner will take place at **The Bungalow Restaurant** in Clifton on Thursday 4 April. The dinner will include arrival drinks and canapés, a three course menu and wines and other beverages. The bus will leave iThemba LABS at 18:00 pm, stop over at the hotel for 30 minutes, collect all participants and accompanying persons before departing to the restaurant at 19:00 pm.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Important telephone numbers:

- iThemba LABS Main Switchboard: 021 843 1000
- Ms Naomi Haasbroek on 082 895 9931 or Ms Michelle Bark on 073 196 0041
- iThemba LABS Security: 021 843 1070
- Police Flying Squad: 10111
- Ambulance: 10177
- City of Cape Town General Emergency: 107
- From Cell phone in Emergency: 112 (MTN, Vodacom, Cell C and Telkom)

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Chair: MUON Workshop 2019 Local Organizing Committee

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General Information

Local weather

Cape Town is never out of season, with a particularly good, long summer from November to March. These are the most popular months for visitors, who come to enjoy the 11 or more hours of sunshine every day. The average summer temperature in Cape Town is 24.3 degrees Centigrade, with January and February temperatures averaging 26 degrees Centigrade. February is the driest month of the year, with 15 mm (0.6 inches) of rain.

Currency

The local currency is the South African rand. The rand comes in a range of coins (R1 = 100 cents) and note denominations of R10, R20, R50, R100 and R200. Foreign exchange facilities are widely available and can be found at the V&A Waterfront, Cape Town International Airport and at bureaux de change in various major shopping centres. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) accept most international bank and credit cards. The ATMs are available 24/7. South Africa has a modern and sophisticated banking and commercial system, and most shops and hotels accept all major credit cards.

VAT: South Africa has a Value Added Tax system of 15% on purchases and services. Foreign visitors can reclaim VAT on collective purchases of more than R250. VAT Refund Offices can be found at: Ground level, International Departures, Cape Town International Airport Tel: + 27 21 934 8675.

Tipping

A 10% tip is standard in restaurants. Tables of over eight people often have an automatic service charge added to the bill. A tip of R5 to R10 per piece of luggage is acceptable for porters in hotels and at airports. In some shopping areas, uniformed attendants will either take a fee or offer to mind your car for a tip.

Banking and shopping hours

Most shops and businesses are open between 09h00 and 17h00 on weekdays and on Saturdays until 13h00. Major malls tend to stay open later: up to 21h00 during the week, on weekends and on most public holidays. Government agencies keep to limited weekday only hours, often closing around 15h00.

Most banks close at 15h30 weekdays, but are open on Saturday mornings (from around 09h00 to 11h00).

Muslim-owned businesses close between noon and 13h00 on Fridays.

Credit cards

Credit cards are widely accepted in South Africa, especially MasterCard and Visa. Nedbank is an official Visa agent, and Standard Bank is a MasterCard agent – both have branches across the country.

Electricity

The South African electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ. With a few exceptions (in deep rural areas), electricity is available almost everywhere. European plug sockets are available in the hotel rooms.

In South Africa the power sockets used are of type D / M:



Mobile phones

Roaming mobile network services are available in South Africa. If you wish to join a South African mobile network, you can buy or hire a cell phone at the airport or at most of the major shopping centres. **Local SIM cards may be purchased at the airport and at local shopping centres.** Blue public phones operate on coins (50c, R1 and R5 coins are best), while green public phones operate with local Telkom phone cards, which you can purchase in a variety of shops and post offices. Most public phones advertise the closest sale point.

Local couriers can help you ship your purchases home and deal with formalities. Check with Cape Town Tourism Visitor Information Centres for contacts. Postage stamps are available at Post Offices, as well as at some Cape Town Tourism Visitor Information Centres.

Security tips

Avoid carrying large sums of cash, carrying cameras or video cameras in plain sight and leaving belongings unattended. **Heed the advice of your hosts**, Cape Town Tourism Visitor Centre staff or locals on where to go after dark. Try not to walk alone. Do not allow strangers to assist you in any way at **ATMs**. Street children and beggars may approach you for a handout. Many social workers counsel against giving money to the children as it usually gets handed over to an older person or is used to purchase drugs. At night, park in a secure, well-lit area.

To report any safety incident, phone the following numbers:

- All emergencies from your cell phone – 112
- All emergencies from a landline – 107
- South African Police Services (SAPS) – 10111

Cape Town Tourism in partnership with Protection and Emergency Services run a successful **Visitor Support Programme** to assist you further, should you be involved in an incident. For more information, contact Sonya Hector by phoning +27 21 487 6800 or sending an email to sonya@capetown.travel

Hotel

Protea Hotel by Marriott Breakwater Lodge Waterfront Hotel
Portswood Rd, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001
Tel No: (021) 406 911

WiFi Network

South Africa has a well-developed communications infrastructure. A number of cell phone providers offer national coverage and there are well-established landline phone networks. Internet and Wi-Fi are easily accessible in most urban areas.

The Protea Hotel by Marriott Breakwater Lodge Waterfront Hotel offers complimentary Internet.

Workshop Registration Desk

The Workshop Registration desk will be available from Monday to Friday during workshop hours. Registration will be open on Monday 1 April from 10:00 am.