World- Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee Cape Town, South Africa 28 Aug – 1 Sep 2017

The 2017 WWNWS-SC Working Group Meeting will be held in Newlands, a suburb of Cape Town, South Africa. Cape Town is home not only to beautiful wine lands, stunning beaches and a multicultural population, but is also home to one of the 7 Natural wonders of the world – Table Mountain.

Cape Town is the provincial capital city of the Western Cape. As the seat of the National Parliament it is also the legislative capital of South Africa.

Located on the shore of Table Bay, Cape Town was first developed by the Dutch East India Company as a supply station for Dutch ships sailing to East Africa, India, and the Far East. Jan van Riebeeck's arrival on 6 April 1652 established the first permanent European settlement in South Africa. Cape Town quickly outgrew its original purpose as the first European outpost at the Castle of Good Hope, becoming the economic and cultural hub of the Cape Colony. Until the Witwatersrand Gold Rush and the development of Johannesburg, Cape Town was the largest city in South Africa.

Newlands is an upmarket suburb of Cape Town, South Africa. It is located at the foot of Table Mountain in the Southern Suburbs of Cape Town, and is the wettest suburb in South Africa due to its high winter rainfall.

It is best known for Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Newlands Forest, Newlands Cricket Ground and Newlands Stadium, a rugby union and football venue. It is also the original home of Ohlsson's Cape Breweries, which is still located next to the rugby grounds.

How to get to Cape Town:

Many airlines offer direct flights to Cape Town International Airport, however if your flight lands in Johannesburg (OR Tambo International Airport) you will need to take a connecting flight to Cape Town (± 2 hour flight.) If you fly via Johannesburg, you will be required to collect your luggage and check in again, even if you have booked yourself and your luggage directly though to Cape Town

From Cape Town International Airport, you can either take a taxi to the hotel or alternatively you can arrange a shuttle with the hotel when you make your reservation.



The Meeting Venue and Accommodation: Park Inn by Radisson, Cape Town Newlands.

(https://www.parkinn.com/hotel-capetown-newlands)

The WWNWS Working group meeting will be held in the hotels Conference Rooms, at the Park Inn in Newlands.



Park in by Radisson - Newlands is the preferred hotel and the SANHO has negotiated a special rate. A block booking, from 26 Aug – 2 Sep 2017 has been made for your convenience.

If you wish to stay at an alternative hotel/guest house please be aware that a daily cost of R380,00 for teas, lunches, Wi-Fi usage and parking, will be applicable for payment by you. The SAN Hydrographic Office is not able to provide daily transport from and to other hotels.

Block Booking rates

Standard en-Suite room (Single) R1 550,00 per night Standard en-Suite room (Sharing) R1 750,00 per night

If you wish to arrive earlier or stay a bit later and enjoy our beautiful city, please feel free to do so. You will then be charged an alternative rate for this duration.

As a condition of the special rate and to secure your booking, you must submit the credit card authoristion form. Please settle your accommodation account, or produce some form of payment upon check- in at the hotel.

NOTES:

- 1. The special rate includes
 - Accommodation
 - Buffet Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - 14% tax (VAT)
 - · High speed Wi-Fi

but does NOT include

- 1% of accommodation for SA Tourist Levy
- Anything out of the mini- bar or room service
- Extras such as telephone calls and laundry

Late check-out available on request- after 3pm at cost of 50% of the room rate.

Each room features: en-suite bathroom with double bed, tea/coffee making facilities, Flat screen TV, hairdryers, laundry bags free high-speed WiFi, Laptop size safe safe, telephone and wake-up call, airconditioning and satellite tv.



Amenities include a gym, outdoor swimming pool, free shuttle service to locations within 3km of the hotel, room service and the Live-Inn restaurant.

The hotel is within walking distance Newlands train station, a large Pick 'n Pay (supermarket), several restaurants and two shopping malls- Cavendish Square and Stadium on Main.

To make a reservation pleases email the credit card authorisation form to

<u>bronwyn.wakefield@rezidorparkinn.c</u>om and cc to hydrosan@iafrica.com

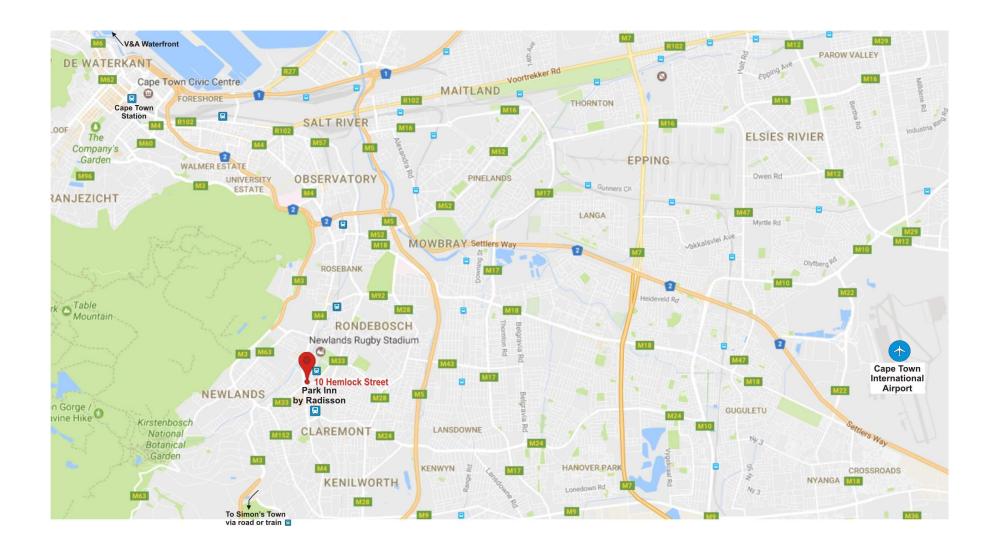
Please indicate if you would like the hotel to arrange airport transfers for you at a cost of R425 for 1 to 2 people one way.

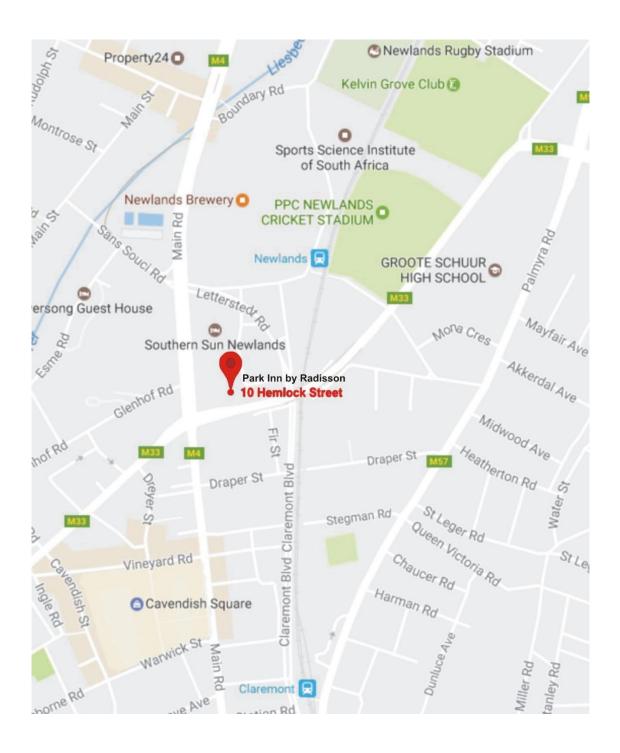
If you need to cancel for any reason, please do so before the 24 August 2017 or cancellation fees will be payable to the hotel.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SANHO BEFORE 28 July 2017.

Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** forget to indicate any dietary restrictions for religious or health related reasons (including allergies)

All beef chicken and lamb is sources from certified Halaal suppliers, however the kitchen is not Halaal certified.





Currency

The South African rand (sign: R; code: ZAR) is the currency of South Africa. The rand is subdivided into 100 cents (sign: "c"). Unlike the US dollar, the decimal separator between a rand and cent is expressed by a comma. The ISO 4217 code is ZAR, from Dutch Zuid-Afrikaanse Rand (South African rand).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the weather like?

Cape Town enjoys mild winters and pleasant warm summers. Summer temperatures (Dec – Feb) range from about 15-27° C [60-80°F], and the winter months (Jun – Aug) experience temperatures ranging from 7-20°C [45-70°F]. August/September in Cape Town is what we locals call confused! Some days are beautiful summers days and others are like the dead of winter – raining and howling winds with temperatures ranging from 12-23°C.

Will I be understood if I speak English?

The RSA has 11 official languages (English, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Xhosa, Zulu, Northern Sotho, Sotho, Tswana, Swazi, Venda and Tsonga), but not to worry most people speak English.

What electricity supply is used in South Africa?

RSA uses 220/230 volts AC 50Hz electricity supply. Most plugs have three round pins. Adapters can be purchased at the airport and local supermarkets but may be in short supply. US made adapters may require a transformer.



What Tax system is used?

RSA uses 14% VAT (value added Tax) and this is included in all prices given, so the price you see on a price tag is the price you pay. Please don't forget that you can claim your VAT back from the South African Government for goods purchased when the total value exceeds R250,00. For details on this process please go to http://www.dfa.gov.za/consular/vat.htm

Is it safe to travel by train?

Yes it is, however please stay on the southern suburbs train line that runs from the City Bowl directly down to Simon's Town, going past Newlands and Claremont. For your own safety, please only use the first class cabins and do not travel on the trains after 20:00.

Do I have to tip?

The standard practice is to tip hospitality industry staff (waiters, bar staff and hotel porters). The standard is 10% however many South Africans follow the practice of "the tip starts at 10%, if the service is excellent the tip will increase and poor service gets less than 10%."

How intense is the sun's UV?

The UV throughout RSA is very strong all year round. It is recommended to wear a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 20 or more if you burn easily.

Can I drink the water?

All water in the RSA can be drunk straight from the taps, however if you prefer bottled water it is readily available from all supermarkets and cafés (small local shop selling similar items to a supermarket.)

If you have any specific questions you would like answered (or that Google can't) please feel free to contact Ruth Farre (hydrosan@iafrica.com) and she will assist you in any way that she can.

ENJOY YOUR STAY IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.