48th DISTANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dates: 20th – 22nd September 2013
Venue: Phakalane Golf Estate, Gaborone

BOTSWANA
## DEASA Executive Committee Members

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The Distance Education Association of Southern Africa Local Organising Committee ((DEASA - LOC) for the 48th DEASA Conference and Annual General Meeting wishes to invite all interested parties and stakeholders who wish to take part in the forthcoming 48th DEASA Conference and AGM at Phakalane Golf Estate in Gaborone (About 15 km from the City Centre). The event is scheduled for 20th – 22nd September 2013 Gaborone, Botswana.

For Further Information please contact:

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48th DEASA Conference & AGM LOC
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What is DEASA and who comprises it?

Distance Education Association of Southern Africa (DEASA) is a regional association for distance and open learning institutions. Formed in 1972, DEASA’s aim is to promote and enhance a positive culture in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in the Region and beyond.

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DEASA General Objectives are to enable members to share information, collaborate in developing quality distance education courses and on development activities.

The DEASA Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Distance Education Association of Southern Africa will be hosting its 48th Conference and General meeting in Botswana at Phakalane Golf Estate in Gaborone, Botswana. The conference is expected to attract more than three hundred (300) delegates from the region and beyond. The conference is on the first two days of the 20th and 21st September 2013 and it is open to all those who will have registered. The third day which is the last day of the conference is the Association’s Annual General meeting exclusive for DEASA members.
Conference Theme

STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION IN OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING
FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE SADC REGION

Sub-themes

- **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND RESEARCH TRAINING IN ODL**
- **LEADING AND MANAGING COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES IN ODL INSTITUTIONS**
- **OERS, ICT AND ONLINE COLLABORATIONS AND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY.**
- **INTEGRATION OF ACADEMIC AND TVET THROUGH ODL AND INDUSTRY COLLABORATION**
- **BUILDING COLLABORATIVE TEAMS AND STAKEHOLDERS’ RELATIONS IN ODL INSTITUTIONS**

The conference will be organised in parallel sessions. However, there will be plenary sessions which involve the official opening and the official closing. The expectation is for the conference to be opened by His Honour The Vice President of Botswana Dr. Ponatshego Kedikilwe. The Key Note Speaker will be Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, the Chief of United Nations Women and the former Deputy President of South Africa.

Conference Venue

Phakalane Golf Estate and Resorts

Phakalane
Gaborone
Botswana
**Registration Fee**

**DEASA MEMBERS**

SA Rand 650 (or Pula Equivalent)

**NON MEMBERS**

SA Rand 750 (or Pula Equivalent)

**STUDENTS**

SA Rand 350 (or Pula Equivalent)

**Payment details**

Participants to pay directly to the DEASA Account

**ACCOUNT NAME:** Distance Education Association of Southern Africa (DEASA)

**BANK:** Standard Bank

**BRANCH CODE:** 011545

**ACCOUNT NO:** 012 135 224

**BRANCH:** Hatfield, Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA

**SWIFT CODE:** SBZAZAJJ

**General Information**

**Accommodation and Transport**

The Local Organising Committee has enlisted the services of AT & T Travel Agency to handle the delegates’ accommodation needs. Delegates are advised to make their accommodation bookings through the Agency which will also provide shuttle services from Sir Seretse Khama International Airport to the
hotel and from the hotel to the conference venue for the duration of the conference. Due to logistical challenges the LOC will be unable to assist with transport delegates who have made their private accommodation arrangements.

The contact details for the Agency are given below;

AT & T Travel Agency  
Plot 182 Queens Road Main Mall  
P O Box 60474 Gaborone

Tel: 00267 3973820  
Fax: 00267 3973819  
Email: toursandsafaris@at-t-travel.com

NB: A list of available accommodation places is attached for your consideration

**VISA REQUIREMENTS**

All visitors/delegates from the SADC Region are not expected to have VISAs except those from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). All other participants will need a VISA. Please ensure that you apply for the VISA well in time. Should you have any challenges please inform the LOC Chairperson.

**HEALTH ISSUES**

Delegates into Botswana especially coming from and passing through countries with yellow fever are expected to have had a yellow fever vaccination. This should be taken at least two weeks before the trip. Ensure that you carry the vaccination certificate with you.