



GEODUST 2017



GEOMORPHOLOGY OF DUST SOURCES AND DYNAMICS OF DUST EMISSION FROM DIFFERENT GEOMORPHIC UNITS

Second meeting of the GEODUST International Focus Group
of the INQUA TERPRO Commission

Gobabeb, Namibia October 22 – 27, 2017



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GEODUST Invitation

[GEODUST](#), an International Focus Group of the [INQUA TERPRO Commission](#), invites you to the Gobabeb Training and Research Centre in the heart of the hyper-arid Central Namib of Namibia. Gobabeb, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, is located on the banks of the Kuiseb River and is in walking distance of the Namib Sand Sea, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As part of the workshop we will visit the varied geomorphology and dust sources in the region, including dunes, pans, gravel plains, river terraces and deltas.

Gobabeb is approximately 100 km from Walvis Bay airport, which receives daily flights from Windhoek, Cape Town and Johannesburg. The drive from Windhoek can be conducted on tar or gravel and takes about 6 hours.

The 5 day workshop will cost approximately 90 Euro per day which includes accommodation and all meals at the station. Transport to and from the airport as well as the various field sites will incur an additional cost that will depend on the number of participants and the final transport requirements. We are also considering an additional 4 day excursion to Damaraland in the search of loess deposits to the west of Etosha Park 700 km north of Gobabeb.

Preliminary Program

22nd of October - Arrive around lunchtime Walvis Bay from Windhoek and South Africa

23th of October (Night 1) - 1st talks and tour of station and field visits

24th of October (Night 2) - 2nd talks and tour of station and field visits

25st of October (Night 3) - Daytrip to coastal town Swakopmund with additional field visits

26st of October (Night 4) - Field visits and workshop wrap up

27st of October (Night5) - Breakfast and Depart to Walvis Bay airport

Please note that the number of participants to the meeting is limited by the size and number of vehicles we can secure. Travel grants are available for Early Career Researchers covering part of expenses which will be made available by INQUA. More details will be given in the second circular end of June.



Accommodation Options and Rates (all rates quoted in Namibian dollars):Gobabeb Training and Research Centre <http://www.gobabebtrc.org>

Rooms with bathroom and kitchen (2 beds)	530 single	465 sharing
Clayhouse rooms with shared kitchen (4 beds)	420 single	390 sharing
Villa 1 (rate is for complete house per night) (6 beds) + N\$ 150 per extra person 3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen	2795.00 or 465 p.p.	
Villa 2 (rate is for complete house per night) (6 beds)+ N\$ 150 per extra person 3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen	2395.00 or 450 p.p.	
Camping (tent Provided) Gobabeb tent, mattress & bedding	350	300 sharing
Camping Own tent	110	
Conference per person per day	120	
Catering available on request (B/L/D)		
Excursions per person		
Day Visit/Entrance Fee	55	
Station tour	105	
Nature walk	105	
Scorpion walk	75	

The temperature may range from 30 to 11 degrees and early morning hours could be subject to fog precipitation.

The station has very limited cell phone reception but the conference facility features a newly installed WIFI connection.

Most nationalities do not need Visas, please check.

Manifestation of interest

We are kindly asking you to send your manifestation of interest by the end of June.

Please indicate your preferred accommodation (see above), if you will be sharing, and if you will require transport to and from the Walvis Bay airport.

Kind Regards

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