



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.

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.



Accommodation Options and Rates (all rates quoted in Namibian dollars):

Gobabeb Training and Research Centre <http://www.gobabebtrc.org>

	Price (Namibian dollar)	
Conference per person per day	120	
Accommodation inc. food per person per day		
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 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 or 450 p.p.	
Camping (tent Provided) Gobabeb tent, mattress & bedding	350	300 sharing
Camping Own tent	110	
Excursions per person (for entire workshop)		
Transportation	Will be determined according to number of participants	

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.



Registration and abstract submission

We invite you to submit your registration form by August 31 via email to Frank Eckardt (frank.eckardt@uct.ac.za); on-site registration will be available on October 22 (late afternoon). The form for early registration provided below.

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.

If you want to present your research, please send an abstract following the template at the end of the circular, including presentation type (oral/poster).

Travel grants

INQUA Grants are available to partially support participation of post-graduate students, young researcher (i.e., researchers without a permanent position and within 8 years from the end of their PhD), and scientists from low GDP countries. The grants will cover travel and accommodation costs or part of them.

If you are eligible for a grant, please send the application form to Onn Crouvi (Crouvi@gsi.gov.il), including a short CV, list of publications and a brief motivation letter. The application will be considered only if the applicant has submitted the registration form available at the end of this circular. The deadline for the submission of grant request is August 10th, 2017.

Important dates:

10 August 2017: submission of application for travel grant.

15 August 2017: decision on grant winners.

31 August 2017: early registration and submission of abstract.

22 October 2017: on-site registration.

Kind Regards

Frank Eckardt

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Meeting Registration Form

First name		
Surname		
Institution name		
Institution address		
Phone number		
E-mail		
Abstract title		
I am an early career scientist and I will submit and application for travel grant	Yes	NO



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Abstract guidelines

TITLE

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Text of the abstract. Maximum length is c. 300 words, according to this form.

