



INFORMATION NOTE

62nd INTERNATIONAL SUGAR COUNCIL SESSION

KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

5-8 JUNE 2023

"Resilient Sugar Industries in the Midst of Climate Change and Emerging Geopolitics."

1) Arrival

All delegates are expected to have arrived by **Monday 05 June 2023**. Delegates attending the industry tour are expected to arrive on **Sunday 4 June 2023**.

2) Conference Venue & Accommodation

Venue: The Royal Villas, Ezulwini

Contacts: **+268 2416 2042 OR +268 7690 3524**

GPS Coordinates: **26 24' 50 01' 5 31 11' 8 57' E**

Accommodation: All accommodation arrangements are to be handled by the delegates directly with the establishments.

Recommended accommodation options with negotiated rates, for consideration are:

The Royal Villas, Ezulwini

Hilton Garden Inn, Mbabane

Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini

Summerfield Resort, Dwaleni

Booking Reference: **ESA Sugar Conference**

(Please refer to the accommodation tab on the landing page for more details on the recommended options and their respective websites. All bookings are subject to availability.)

Please notify us of the hotel booked as there will be complementary shuttle services provided from the respective hotels to the venue.

3) Sugar Industry Tour

A tour of the Eswatini sugar industry has been arranged for **Monday, 05 June 2023**. Delegates are invited to attend at no additional cost.

For logistic purposes, those attending are **required** to indicate on the registration form.

Apparel – Safety or leather shoes that cover the foot are **compulsory** (no sneakers or high heels). Sun visors and sunscreen lotion are recommended as the tour will consist of factories and open field visits. The programme for the tour will be communicated closer to the date.

4) Conference

Conference: The Conference themed “**Resilient Sugar Industries in the Midst of Climate Change and Emerging Geopolitics**” will be held in the Mdzimba Conference Centre within the Royal Villas compound. It will commence with registration at 08h00 and proceed with a full-day programme that will be availed to delegates once finalized. Provision has been made for tea-breaks and lunch.

Cocktail Evening: Delegates are invited to a semi-formal cocktail immediately after the closing of the conference on 6 June 2023. The cocktail will take place at the same venue as the Conference.

Special Requirements: Any special requirements (dietary or other) may be indicated on the registration form.

5) Conference Documents

All conference documents will be availed on the ISO website.

6) Travel Arrangements

There are no direct flights to Eswatini. The most common route is to fly to O.R Tambo International Airport (JNB) in Johannesburg, South Africa – and then either use road transport into Eswatini or take a connecting flight to Manzini, Eswatini (SHO).

Flights to Johannesburg, South Africa: Delegates are to make their own travel arrangements. This includes flights from respective countries to Johannesburg and road transport from Johannesburg to Eswatini.

Please verify immigration requirements into South Africa.

By Road from Johannesburg: Delegates travelling by road from Johannesburg may choose to hire a vehicle or catch an airport shuttle from O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, rather than fly to Eswatini. The distance to Oshoek/Ngwenya Border post is about 350kms (\pm 4hrs).

Below are recommended car hire and shuttle services, for consideration:

Car Hire:

AVIS – <https://www.avis.co.za/>

Europcar – <https://www.europcar.co.za>

Shuttle Services:

<http://www.goswaziland.co.sz/>

The shuttle service makes drop-offs only at central areas and would require additional short distance cab hire to your designated hotel, all within a maximum radius of 20kms.

There are other shuttle services available as indicated under the 'information' tab on the website.

Flights to Eswatini (KMill Airport) – Flights from OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg to Eswatini take 45minutes. A complementary shuttle

service will be provided for delegates landing in Eswatini. Kindly indicate on the registration form if you plan to fly into Eswatini.

7) Currency & Exchange Rate

Currency - The legal tender is Lilangeni (E) and Cents (c) for coins. The Lilangeni is pegged to the South African Rand (ZAR) on a 1:1 basis. The South African Rand is also legal tender in the Kingdom.

Exchange rate as at 19 January 2023: 1USD = SZL17.05 or ZAR17.05

All hotels and most shops and restaurants accept major bank cards for transactions.

8) Entry & Visa Requirements

Documents - Travel documents/passports should be valid for no less than 3 months to ensure entry into the Kingdom.

Visas - For information on visa applications into the Kingdom, kindly visit: <http://www.thekingdomofeswatini.com/visa-guide> or follow the link on the website.

Please remember to make necessary arrangements for Transit Visas through South Africa, if required.

9) Health Requirements

COVID-19 – COVID-19 vaccination and tests are not a requirement when entering the Kingdom of Eswatini. Delegates are, however, encouraged to practice personal safety and to remain vigilant at all times.

Malaria – The Conference will be hosted in a malaria-free area. The country has medium to low rates of malaria in the Eastern areas of the Kingdom, bordering Mozambique and South Africa. Delegates are therefore encouraged to take necessary preventative measures to ensure optimal safety.

Yellow Fever - The kingdom is Yellow Fever free. A Yellow Fever certificate is, however, required from visitors from - or who have travelled through - Yellow Fever areas at the country's ports of entry.

For more information: <https://www.thekingdomofeswatini.com/travel-advice/>

10) About The Kingdom Of Eswatini

Formerly known as Swaziland, the Kingdom of Eswatini is located on the southern part of the African continent, landlocked by South Africa and the Republic of Mozambique. It is known for its small size (in area and in population), its colorful and rich cultural heritage etched against a backdrop of scenic landscape and gentle weather conditions.

Official languages are Siswati and English.

For more information about the Kingdom of Eswatini, visit: <http://www.thekingdomofeswatini.com/>

11) Excursions

Based on interest from delegates, excursions can be availed on Thursday afternoon and Friday, at own cost. Kindly indicate on the registration form.

12) Contact Persons:

For any enquiries pertaining the Conference arrangements, please contact the organizers by filling in the "Contact Us" tab on the website or:

email: eswatini_iso@esa.co.sz