

INFORMATION ABOUT NAMIBIA



Namibia is a country in southwest Africa. On its southern border is South Africa, to the east is Botswana and in the north Angola, other neighbouring countries include Zimbabwe & Zambia.

Since independence on 21 March 1990, Namibia has become a major African tourist destination – popular due to its vast distances, beautiful attractions, and small population. Travelers enjoy the desert vistas of the Namib Desert and some of the best game viewing in the world at Etosha National Park.

Some basic facts about the country:

Area: 824,269 km²

Population: 3,022,401 people (2024)

Capital of Namibia: Windhoek

Official Language: English

Other Languages: Oshiwambo, Afrikaans, Nama-Damara, Otjiherero, German, Rukwangali, Setswana, and others

Major Ethnic Groups: Owambo, Kwangali, Damara, Herero, Nama, San, Afrikaner, German, and others

WINDHOEK

The conference will be hosted in **Windhoek** at **Droombos Vineyard Country Hotel** on the outskirts of the city.

Windhoek is the capital of Namibia, situated in the country's central highlands. South of the city, the sprawling Heroes' Acre, which is of historic significance to the independence of Namibia. . On a hilltop in the city centre are the 1890s Alte Feste, a former military headquarters with historical exhibits, and the Independence Memorial Museum. Colonial influences are visible in buildings like the sandstone Lutheran Christus Church and many others around the city.

The city has a population of 494,085 inhabitants (2024).



Windhoek has over 300 sunny days per year. It experiences a hot semi-arid climate as the annual average temperature is above 18 °C (64 °F). The temperature throughout the year would be called mild, due to altitude influence. The annual average temperature for Namibia is 20.6 °C. The coldest months are May to August, with an average temperature of 22 °C (7 °F), while the hottest month is December, with average temperature 32 °C (17 °F).

Due to Windhoek's proximity to the Hosea Kutako International Airport (46 KM), Windhoek serves an important role in Namibia's tourism industry. In addition many of Namibia's tourism related companies and governing bodies such as the Namibia Wildlife Resorts, Fly Namibia, Gondwana Group Namibia and the Namibia Tourism Board, as well as Namibia's tourism related associations such as the Hospitality Association of Namibia are headquartered in Windhoek. Windhoek is also home to a number of notable hotels such as Windhoek Country Club Resort and some international hotel chains such as Avani Hotels and Resorts,

Mövenpick (Mecure Hotel) and Hilton Hotels and Resorts, that also operate in Windhoek.

TIME IN NAMIBIA

Namibia is in the Central Africa Time zone at UTC+02:00, congruous with South African Standard Time. The time zone remains the same across all the four seasons, summer, winter, spring, and autumn.

CURRENCY IN NAMIBIA

Namibia's currency is the Namibian Dollar (NAD), and this has been interchangeable with South Africa's Rand for many years. Note that South African Rand notes can be used in Namibia at face value.

Foreign currency may be exchanged at banks and forex exchange outlets. Most shops, hotels and restaurants take credit cards (Visa & Mastercard). Credit and debit cards can also be used to withdraw cash at bank ATMs.

Currency Rates as of 13 May 2024:

1 US Dollar	=	18.58 NAD
1 British Pound	=	23.34 NAD
1 Euro	=	20.07 NAD
1 South African Rand	=	1 NAD

BANKS

Banks in Namibia are open as follows:

Monday to Friday:	08h30 – 15h30 hours
Saturday:	08h30 – 13h00 hours

NAMIBIA'S INTERNATIONAL DIALLING CODE

The International Dialling Code for Namibia is **+264**; area codes are also used (e.g. (0)61 for Windhoek. Calling from Namibia, you dial 00, followed by the relevant country code (e.g. 0044 for the UK, or 001 for the USA).

Namibia is served by three mobile operators, Mobile Telecommunication Limited (MTC) and Telecom Namibia Limited (TN Mobile). The call rates for calls from Namibia to other African countries vary between Telecom Namibia and MTC due to bilateral negotiations. This distinction also applies to roaming call rates. In addition, Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd offers mobile data products for internet access.

ELECTRICITY

Namibia uses 220/240 Volts, 50 Hz, but you will need adapters if you are using 110v equipment. Most hotels have adapters available. But it is wise to bring your own, just in case it is not available or there are few adaptors at the hotels.



FOOD IN NAMIBIA

In Namibia, high-quality food is inexpensive – steak and seafood are particularly good. National specialities include Biltong (air-dried meat), Rauchfleisch (smoked meat), Potjiekos (one-pot bush stew), kapana (braai meat) and game meat cooked on a braai (e.g. antelope, zebra, or ostrich) – although many restaurants

serve international cuisine. Local beer (Tafel or Windhoek Lager) and wine are excellent.

DRIVING IN NAMIBIA

Distances are long, but Namibia has some of the best roads in Africa. Traffic is light; driving is on the left and normally a pleasure. The main roads are tarmac and the gravel roads in more remote areas are well maintained.

HEALTH IN NAMIBIA

Namibia is generally a healthy country to visit. No vaccines are required. Malaria is not widespread, but if you are travelling to the north of the country, or from December to March, then it is advisable take a course of anti-malarial tablets or to use mosquito repellents or nets. Always check the latest recommendations with your doctor or travel clinic before you travel.

There are currently no COVID-19 restrictions in Namibia.

LANGUAGE IN NAMIBIA

English is the official language, but German, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo and many tribal languages (including Kwangali, Lozi, Nama and Tswana) are also spoken. About half of all Namibians speak Oshiwambo as a first language; the rest of the population speaks German or Afrikaans as a first language.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has a desert climate; it is hot, dry and rainfall is very sparse and erratic. The coolest temperatures are found along the coastline. The hottest months are December to March. Rainfall usually falls between October to April.

RELIGION

Christian makes up 80% to 90% of the population and indigenous and other religions are between 10% to 20%.

TRAVELING LOGISTICS

Participants are encouraged to make travel arrangements to land at Hosea Kutako International airport. (The airport is located approximately 45 Km from Windhoek).

Transport will be provided from the airport to and from the designated hotels contained in the hotel list and the meeting venue on a daily basis.

Participants are further requested to provide all travel information, including name of hotel, flight number, arrival and departure dates and times as early as possible to allow proper transport arrangement.

Additionally, delegates can download the following mobile transport applications for movement within Windhoek at own cost:

- Yango,
- Lefa, and
- In Drive

VISAS

Delegates can apply for an e-visa or visa on arrival depending on country of origin. Alternatively delegates can apply for a visa at the Namibian consulate within their country.

FOCAL PERSONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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VENUE, ACCOMODATION AND HOTELS

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) Meeting: 1ST African Preparatory Meeting (APM26-1) for PP-26 and 2ND African Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 will take place from 15 to 19 July 2024 (5 days) at the Droombos Vineyard Country Hotel.

While there are many hotels and lodges available in Windhoek, rates have been sought from the following hotels based on their proximity to the venue of the meeting.

NO	HOTEL/ LODGE	CONTACT DETAILS	ROOM RATES (N\$/USD*)
1.	Droombos Vineyard Country Hotel (Meeting Venue)	Ms. Stephanie Tel: +264 81 872 2613 Email: reservations@droombos.com.na	N\$ 1,056/USD 60 (standard room including breakfast) N\$ 2,145/USD 119 (luxury room including breakfast)
2.	Windhoek Country Club & Casino	Ms. Magreth Mate Tel: +264 61 205 5911 Email: mmate@legacyhotels.co.za Email: windhoek@legacyhotels.co.za	N\$ 2,010 / USD 111 (single)

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			N\$ 2,460/ USD 136 (double)
3.	Movenpick 'Mercure Hotel'	Ms. Kakunanganda Kustaa Tel: +264 61 296 8000/8915 Email: reservations.namibia@movenpick.com	N\$ 2,800/ USD 155 (Single) N\$ 2,900/ USD 160 (Sharing)
4.	Town Lodge Windhoek Grove Mall	Ms. Selma/Mr. Stoffel Tel: +264 83 356 3431 Email: tlwindhoek.resv@citylodgehotels.com	N\$ 1,495/USD 83 per room excluding breakfast
5.	Hilton Hotel	Ms. Lothe Muhinapeze Tel: +264 61 296 2929/ +264 61 296 2933 Email: WDHHI_RESERVATIONS@hilton.com	N\$ 3,500/ USD 193 (single excluding breakfast) N\$ 4,100/ USD 226 (single excluding breakfast)
6.	Hilton Hotel Garden Inn	Ms. Lothe Muhinapeze Tel: +264 61 296 2929/ +264 61 296 2933 Email: WDHWG_RESERVATIONS@hilton.com	From N\$ 1,749/ USD 97 per night
7.	Avani Hotel	Ms. Ndenaove Mujazu Tel: +264 61 280 346 Email: reservations.vwin@avanihotels.com	N\$ 3,036/ USD 168 per night (Single and Double)
8.	Arebusch Travel Lodge	Ms. Frieda Tel: +264 61 252 255 Email: reservations@arebusch.com	NS 1,400/ USD 77 (rate not fixed)

- USD rates provided are subject to exchange rate fluctuation.