



Tides and Water Level Working Group Cape Town, South Africa 8-10 May 2012

Due to unforeseen circumstances the venue for the TWLWG 4 meeting has been changed and will now be held at the Calders Hotel and Conference Centre, Fish Hoek - a suburb of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa (RSA) and is located on the Cape Peninsula.

Fish Hoek is approximately 9km from Simon's Town, the original location for TWLWG4 and picturesque home of the South African Navy. Fish Hoek is often referred to as a beach resort on False Bay. Up until recently Fish Hoek was a "DRY" area- no alcohol could be sold there, this was a condition placed by the owner who gave the land over for development. Luckily for us alcohol is now sold in restaurants and the local bar, but there is no bottle store in Fish Hoek.

More information about Fish Hoek can be found at <http://www.fishhoek.com>

How to get to Cape Town:

Many airlines offer direct flights to Cape Town International Airport, however if your flight lands in Johannesburg (OR Tambo International Airport) you will need to take a connecting flight to Cape Town (± 2 hour flight.)

The South African Navy Hydrographic Office (SANHO) and Calders Hotel will be making arrangements, with a transport company, for each delegate to be picked up and brought through to the hotel in Fish Hoek. The cost from the Airport to the Hotel should not be more than $\pm \text{€}40$. Further details will be supplied to delegate closer to the time.



- Cape Town (City Bowl)
- ★ SA Navy Hydrographic Office
- Fish Hoek
- Calders Hotel and Conference Centre
New Venue for TWLWG 4
- Simon's Town
Home of the SA Navy

The Meeting Venue and Accommodation: The Calders Hotel and Conference Centre

(<http://www.calders.co.za>)

The TWLWG 4 Meeting will be held at the Strandloper Conference Room, Calders Hotel



The SANHO has negotiated a discounted rate and has made a block booking in the name TWLWG4 from 7-11 May 2012.

Block Booking rates

En-Suite room Single R998.77 (**€93.26***) per person / night.
With partner** additional R128.00 (**€11.95***)

If you wish to arrive earlier or stay a bit later and enjoy our beautiful city, the Calders Hotel and Conference Centre has offered all TWLWG members a further discounted rate.

En-Suite room Single R677.77 (**€63.28***) per person / night.
With partner** additional R128 (**€11.95***)

NOTES:

1. The special rate includes
 - The room cost
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch ***
 - Conference fees
 - 14% tax and tourist levy
 - And internet connection in your room as well as in the conference room
 -but does NOT include
 - Anything out of the mini- bar
 - Extras such as telephone calls and laundry



The Calders Hotel and Conference Centre is a 4 star hotel situated 5 minutes walk from Fish Hoek Beach, with breathtaking views over False Bay or the majestic Elsie's Peak. Each room features: en-suite bathroom with deluxe shower and individually controlled under-floor heating, mini bar/fridge, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer, Trouser press, Work desk with modem point, Internet access, Direct-dial telephone, voicemail and wake-up call, air-conditioning and satellite tv.

To make your reservation please contact Reception on

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or email the below email addresses:

To: reservations@calders.co.za
info@calders.co.za

cc: hydrosan@iafrica.com,
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REMEMBER to use TWLWG4 as your booking reference

NB: Please be aware that any person choosing not to make use of the recommended hotel will be liable for a conference fee of R320,00 (**€29.88***)

*Based on an exchange rate of R10.71 to the Euro

** Additional fee is for bed and breakfast

*** **Please could you inform Ruth Farre of any dietary restrictions and allergies as soon as possible.**

Please feel free to bring your swimming gear and a towel should you want to take a dip in the ocean during your stay.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SANHO BEFORE 6 APRIL 2012

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the weather like?

Cape Town enjoys mild winters and pleasant warm summers. Summer temperatures (Dec – Feb) range from about 15-27° C [60-80°F], and the winter months (Jun – Aug) experience temperatures ranging from 7-20°C [45-70°F]. May in Cape Town is what we locals call confused! Some days are beautiful summers days and others are like the dead of winter – raining and howling winds with temperatures ranging from 12-23°C.

Will I be understood if I speak English?

The RSA has 11 official languages (English, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Xhosa, Zulu, Northern Sotho, Sotho, Tswana, Swazi, Venda and Tsonga), but not to worry most people speak English.

What electricity supply is used in South Africa?

RSA uses 220/230 volts AC 50Hz electricity supply. Most plugs have three round pins. Adapters can be purchased at the airport and local supermarkets but may be in short supply. US made adapters may require a transformer.

**What Tax system is used?**

RSA uses 14% VAT (value added Tax) and this is included in all prices given, so the price you see on a price tag is the price you pay. Please don't forget that you can claim your VAT back from the South African Government for goods purchased when the total value exceeds R250,00. For details on this process please go to <http://www.dfa.gov.za/consular/vat.htm>

Do I have to tip?

The standard practice is to tip hospitality industry staff (waiters, bar staff and hotel porters). The standard is 10% however many South Africans follow the practice of “the tip starts at 10%, if the service is excellent the tip will increase and poor service gets less than 10%.”

How intense is the sun's UV?

The UV throughout RSA is very strong all year round. It is recommended to wear a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 or more if you burn easily.

Can I drink the water?

All water in the RSA can be drunk straight from the taps, however if you prefer bottled water it is readily available from all supermarkets and cafés (small local shop selling similar items to a supermarket.)

If you have any specific questions you would like answered (or that Google can't) please feel free to contact Ruth Farre (hydrosan@iafrica.com) and she will assist you in any way that she can.

ENJOY YOUR STAY IN FISH HOEK, SOUTH AFRICA.