



## THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

### MOZAMBIQUE DISTRICT

**Welcome to Mozambique – The Host of the 2018 MCSA Conference**



A very warm welcome to all of you to the country of humble and smiling people. Welcome to the 2018 Methodist Church of Southern Africa (Connexional Conference) and Ordination Service.

### **About the Country**

Mozambique, a former Portuguese colony, is located in Southern Africa, officially known as The Republic of Mozambique (República de Moçambique), it is a country in South-east Africa, bordering Tanzania to the north, Malawi and Zambia to the northwest, Zimbabwe to the west, Swaziland (Eswatini) and South Africa to the south-west and south, and the Indian Ocean to the east. It is separated from the Comoros, Mayotte and Madagascar by the Mozambique Channel to the east. The capital and largest city is Maputo.

Made up of eleven provinces, Mozambique got its Independence from Portugal on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 1975.

### **Climate**

The climate is tropical, with a hot with a rainy season from November to March, and a dry season from May to October, during which there is a cooler period from mid-May to mid-August. In September, temperatures starting rising again but with cool nights.

*Average temperatures - Maputo*

<b>Maputo</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
Min (°C)	22	22	22	19	17	14	14	15	17	18	20	21
Max (°C)	30	30	29	28	26	25	24	25	26	27	27	29
Min (°F)	72	72	72	66	63	57	57	59	63	64	68	70
Max (°F)	86	86	84	82	79	77	75	77	79	81	81	84

Note: In September temperature may raise to 30 Degree Celsius

**Health**

As mentioned above, Mozambique is a tropical country, so do not be surprised if you receive a mosquito visit, especially during the hottest period in the day. Therefore it is advisable that you bring mosquito repellents, and any other forms of protection, or simply take medication to prevent malaria before coming to Mozambique. We are proud that our country has developed capacity to treat malaria.

There will be a permanent medical team on hand to assist you in case of any health related problems. The Medical Team will also be available during the Conference and in the ordination venue for blood pressure checking and other tests.

If there are people coming from outside SADC region or have recently visited a region outside SADC, please bring your Yellow Fever Card with you.

**Visa**

Visa is exempted to SADC countries citizens, except the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Therefore, citizens from countries of our Connexion do not need visas to enter Mozambique, unless there are family members holding passports from other countries outside the SADC Region.

An entry visa may be acquired at the airport and at the various borders for those travelling by road.

**Vehicles**

If one is driving other person's car, he or she must have a document of authorization written and signed by the owner of the vehicle to present to the Customs office at the border as well as

a Police Clearance (that can be obtained at the Police Station). In that document it must clearly be stated that the car was lent to Mr or Mrs... to travel to Mozambique.

If one is driving a bank owned- car, he or she must have a letter issued by the bank, authorizing him or her to travel to Mozambique with that respective vehicle as well as a Police Clearance.

Those who are driving their own cars must bring their own car documents (vehicle log book).

## **Immigration and Protocols**

**There will be Special Desks for Conference Delegates at the Airport (Maputo International Airport) and in Ressano Garcia - Lebombo Border Post, Namaacha - Lomaacha (Swaziland ) Border Post, Goba – Mhlumeni (Swazland) and Ponta do Ouro - Kosi Bay.**

**There will also be well identified protocol members to provide assistance to delegates arriving at the airport and through border gates.**

## **Insurance**

If the vehicle does not have International Insurance, it is necessary to get thirty days insurance at the border which costs about R380.

## **Food**

Mozambique cuisine is known to be very delicious. The Mozambican gastronomy is a mix of Mozambique traditional cooking style, Portuguese and Asiatic; we believe that you will enjoy the food during your stay.

There are many Restaurants in town, you will just contact a member of the Protocol Team to direct you to the nearest Restaurant or to the one you are looking for. If you want to enjoy very fresh sea food right from the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, please visit the Fish Market (Mercado do Peixe).

## **Cultural Night/Gala Dinner**

The host District will offer a cultural night/gala dinner on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September at 18:30 hours at a venue to be announced. There is no dress code for this event. However, we encourage delegates to wear something that represents own Country/Region/Culture to express our Connexional Unity in diversity.

## **Security**

Maputo is not a dangerous city, people walk around all night long. However Delegates are advised to keep careful watch over their goods such as wallets, purses and mobile phones especially when visiting crowded places like markets. If one wishes to visit the art markets to get a souvenir, it is recommended that they contact the Protocol Team to give them a chaperone

for the purpose of language and exchange rate. People in those markets speak commercial English.

### **Conference and Ordination Venues**

The Conference Venue is Pestana Rovuma Hotel, Rua da Sé, no. 114, Maputo, Mozambique. Please find attached the geographic coordinates:

25° 58' 9.17" S

32° 34' 29.01" E

The Ordination will be at "A Politécnica" University (Universidade A Politécnica), situated in Av. Paulo Samuel Kankhomba No. 1011, Corner with Av. Amilcar Cabral, Maputo.

If in doubt about anything, just drive straight to the Methodist Church Central Office in Avenue 24 de Julho No.986 (the same road from Matola, a prolongation of N4), there will be someone there to assist you until Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

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