



Southern African Mountain Conference 2022

Champagne Sports Resort
Maloti-Drakensberg Mountains

14 – 17 March 2022

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What about COVID-19

We are aware that due to COVID-19 there are uncertainties around international travel, so if we can't run the conference as a face-to-face event, we will either run it as a hybrid one or a fully virtual conference

Why a Conference on Southern African Mountains?

- ✓ Mountains have always played an important role in the culture and history of people
- ✓ Southern African mountains produce virtually all of our sub-arid region's fresh water, provide ecosystem services to millions of people and support a wide diversity of livelihoods
- ✓ They are home to high levels of biodiversity
- ✓ These landscapes also attract millions of visitors annually, producing substantial tourist revenue that is vital to national economies
- ✓ These mountains are under immense pressure from immediate threats and from global change, and require a much more active focus if their future sustainability is to be assured
- ✓ Compared to many other regions around the world – including within Africa – southern Africa's mountains are poorly understood systems
- ✓ As a result, they do not feature well in national or regional policy, and there is a relatively small scientific community of practice

The African Mountain Research Foundation (AMRF), the Afromontane Research Unit (ARU – University of the Free State) and the Global Mountain Safeguard Research Programme (GLOMOS – United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security, and EURAC Research), are organising the first ever **Southern African Mountain Conference (SAMC2022)** which will be held at the Champagne Sports Resort in the Maloti-Drakensberg Mountains in South Africa, from 14 to 17 March 2022.

Interested in becoming a partner?

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The SAMC2022 Conference Secretariat
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Why support SAMC2022?

- ✓ SAMC2022 will bring together key stakeholders in the scientific, policy, practitioner and livelihoods sectors for a stronger community that prioritizes southern African mountains at these levels.
- ✓ It provides the opportunity to interact with a large community of professionals and academics (from South Africa, and deep into southern Africa and globally),
- ✓ The Conference presents unique opportunities to directly target over 200 delegates from various fields.
- ✓ A strong line-up of speakers will be part of the programme. The main Keynote Address will be delivered by Dr Carolina Adler, the Executive Director of the Mountain Research Initiative in Switzerland.
- ✓ Support of SAMC2022 demonstrates commitment to the advancement of knowledge in the sustainable development of southern African mountains, expanding profile and goodwill.

