To: IAMSLIC 2018 Conference Site Selection Committee

From: Alice Endra; National Fisheries Resources Research Institute, (NaFIRRI)

RE: **Proposal for 2018 IAMSLIC Conference in Entebbe, Uganda**

I am pleased to submit this proposal for hosting the 44th Annual IAMSLIC Conference in Uganda, Africa.

The idea was welcomed by the Director, National Fisheries Resources Research Institute who is now heading the taskforce which has gone ahead to make the following proposals.

Entebbe has been proposed as the host town because it is near Entebbe International Airport which is a host of several airlines arriving and departing from and to every part of the world.

**Local host:** Alice Endra, Librarian at the National Fisheries Resources Research Institute (NaFIRRI), P.O Box 343, Jinja Uganda, phone: 256434120484/121396: fax: 256434120192.

NaFIRRI has identified a number of staff from the library and other support departments. Organising Committee comprising of Scientists and support staff

The committee on protocol in consultation with the IAMSLIC committee will identify local speakers from the available experienced International, regional and national speakers within NaFIRRI and Universities such as Makerere University

**Venue : Conference Venue:** The local organizing committee has identified **Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel.** Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel is the finest convention centre located on the shores of Lake Victoria in Entebbe. It is a global landmark hotel that existed since the colonial times. It is a 30 minutes drive from Kampala and 8 Minutes drive to the Airport. The offers 222 luxurious accommodation streaming with natural light open to areas of enclosed glass, delivering spectacular breath- taking view of Lake Victoria. This Colonial Hotel is a adjacent to the famous Botanical Gardens and is a five-minute walk to the Wildlife Education Center (Zoo). The hotel is one of the finest conventional centers in the world and widely known for hosting most of the International Workshops/Conferences in Uganda and regularly used by tourists. It has a reputation of hosting major events in Uganda including the most recognizable one, hosting two former US Presidents, H.E. Bill Clinton and H.E . George W.Bush and also hosting the CHOGM Youth Conference that took place in 2007 and to -date it remains a Conventional centre streaming with Residential Workshops and Conferences.

*Address: Plot M79, Lugard Avenue | P.O. Box 553, Entebbe 90, Uganda*

Location: Uganda, Central Region, Entebbe

Price Range: $177 - $231 (Based on Average Rates for a Standard Room)

Hotel Class: 4 star — Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel 4\*

Also Known As:

Imperial Botanical Beach Entebbe

Website: [www.imperialhotels.co.ug](http://www.imperialhotels.co.ug)

Things to do

* Restaurant
* Bar/Lounge
* Spa
* Fitness Center with Gym / Workout Room
* Pool

Room types

* Suites
* Kitchenette
* Family Rooms

Internet

* Free Internet (wifi)

Services

* Shuttle Bus Service
* Room Service
* Free Parking
* Airport Transportation
* Meeting Rooms
* Business Center with Internet Access
* Children Activities (Kid / Family Friendly)
* Free Breakfast

More details of the breakdown have been availed in the attachment. The quotations are in Ug shs

1 US Dollar is equivalent to Ug shs 3,378/=

**Proposed dates:** The local committee was proposing the conference to be held in the second week of the Month of October,2018 (running from 7-13 October or 16-20 October 2018) but it is subject to approval by IAMSLIC board.

In order to minimize expenses on hosting the Afriamslic, this event can be used as an opportunity for Africa to consider a joint Afriamslic/IAMSLIC Conference and meet over the weekend before IAMSLIC starts.

Meeting venue for Afriamslic: Possibilities include conference halls available at the hotel

Regarding costs for air travel, it’s difficult to estimate this considering it is 3 years out. A quick search on Expedia for September 2015 shows round-trip airfares at about $1124 from Uganda to Rome, and about $400 from Kampala to Nairobi.

Hotel rates in Entebbe for September 2015 range from about $80-$275 per night.

Entebbe is a major tourist destination and offers attractions for premier beaches and shopping, art galleries, aquariums, rafting, diving, fishing, golf, and excellent dining opportunities.

**Visa to Uganda: Visas** can be obtained in advance from Ugandan Embassies or High Commissions internationally or processed on arrival at the Airport. Simply book your return ticket and plan to get your visa at Entebbe Airport or any other overland entry port immigration office upon arrival.

**With effect from July 1, 2015, visa fees for entry into Uganda have been revised as follows:**

1. Single Entry Visa              US$100

2. Multiple Entry Visa           US$100

3. East Africa Tourist Visa   US$100

4. Gov't officials                     No fee

5. Diplomatic Visa                  No fee

**Holders of Passports**

1. Submit an [***ONLINE***](http://www.ugandavisapassport.org/uganda-embassy-dc-visa-application-form/) application or on arrival.

2. Must submit original passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of travel and past the date of your expected departure from Uganda;

3. A letter of invitation/introduction, if traveling on business;

4.  An international inoculation certificate against yellow fever must be presented at the point of entry into Uganda;

**Holders of Travel Documents**

1. An invitation letter from the host legally residing in Uganda.

2. The host must obtain a letter from the local authorities (such as Local Council I Chairman) confirming that he/she resides in that locality.

3.  A copy of a Photo ID of the host in Uganda, such as a driver's license, national ID card, passport, etc.

4. A copy of the travel itinerary or airplane ticket clearly showing Uganda as the destination.

**Transport from Airport to hotel**: 10 dollars by taxi. Return transport will be provided to pick participants from the hotels to conference venue on daily basis.

**Location of Airport:** 8 minutes drive to all the proposed venues.

**About Entebbe**

**Entebbe** is a major town in [Central Uganda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Region,_Uganda). Located on a [Lake Victoria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Victoria) peninsula, approximately 37 kilometres (23 mi) southwest of the Ugandan capital [Kampala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kampala), the town was once the seat of government for the Protectorate of Uganda, prior to Independence in 1962. Entebbe is the location of [Entebbe International Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entebbe_International_Airport), Uganda's largest [commercial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commerce) [airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airport).

**Tourist Attractions in Entebbe and Uganda**

[Entebbe Botanic Gardens](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g298044-d3660382-Reviews-Entebbe_Botanic_Gardens-Entebbe_Central_Region.html) is a five-minute walk from the Conference

Uganda [Wildlife Education Centre](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g298044-d480910-Reviews-Entebbe_Wildlife_Education_Centre-Entebbe_Central_Region.html) is a five-minute walk from the Conference venue to the Wildlife Education Center (Zoo).

[Entebbe Crafts Village](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g298044-d8447633-Reviews-Entebbe_Crafts_Village-Entebbe_Central_Region.html)

**Some of the Tourist destinations in Uganda**

**1. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**is located in the southwestern part of Uganda

**2. Queen Elizabeth National Park**

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[Area](https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&biw=1366&bih=657&q=queen+elizabeth+national+park+area&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAGOovnz8BQMDgyYHnxCnfq6-gVlWZXy5llR2spV-Tn5yYklmfh6cYZVYlJq46Pk7K5Pdr5hzZh7KUt334ffpR39_AwCv8xpSRgAAAA&ved=0CNABEOgTKAAwFWoVChMI3YanjcmHyAIVC7QaCh2Oywur): 764 ml²

[Phone](https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&biw=1366&bih=657&q=queen+elizabeth+national+park+phone&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAGOovnz8BQMDgx0HnxCnfq6-gVlWZXy5ln52spV-cn5OTmpySWZ-nn52Xn55TmpKemp8QWJeak6xfkZicXxBRn5eqhWYXO_8arUNo3L7x4DC_X8iMhU3_46OBABdvHkAWwAAAA&ved=0CNMBEOgTMBZqFQoTCN2Gp43Jh8gCFQu0GgodjssLqw): [+256 41 4355000](javascript:void(0))

[Established](https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&biw=1366&bih=657&q=queen+elizabeth+national+park+established&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAGOovnz8BQMDgx0HnxCnfq6-gVlWZXy5ln5GuZV-cn5OTmpySWZ-nn5BUX4JkJmaEl-cWZJabJVaXJKYlJNZnJGaopCSWJK6w-242EPO5R_9Gx6a_DokwrPo2OluAKmP_jFbAAAA&ved=0CNcBEOgTKAAwF2oVChMI3YanjcmHyAIVC7QaCh2Oywur): 1954

**3. Kibale National Park**

Kibale National Park is a national park in South Uganda protecting moist evergreen rain forest. It is 766 km² in size and is located between 1,100–1,600 meters in elevation. [Address](https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&biw=1366&bih=657&q=kibale+national+park+address&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAGOovnz8BQMDgw4HnxCnfq6-gXlySbGJlmx2spV-Tn5yYklmfh6cYZWYklKUWlw8-bf_DBujiz8MZQSjbz5caCXskvwNALzxjbdJAAAA&sqi=2&ved=0CNABEOgTMBJqFQoTCM_Y3Y_Jh8gCFUNYGgodVUICaQ): Kabarole, Uganda [Area](https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&biw=1366&bih=657&q=kibale+national+park+area&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAGOovnz8BQMDgyYHnxCnfq6-gXlySbGJllR2spV-Tn5yYklmfh6cYZVYlJqYZXN6gmt04nzV18puZ4Nnp5awsHMDAG_95y9GAAAA&sqi=2&ved=0CNQBEOgTKAAwFGoVChMIz9jdj8mHyAIVQ1gaCh1VQgJp): 299.6 ml² [Established](https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&biw=1366&bih=657&q=kibale+national+park+established&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAGOovnz8BQMDgx0HnxCnfq6-gXlySbGJln5GuZV-cn5OTmpySWZ-nn5BUX4JkJmaEl-cWZJabJVaXJKYlJNZnJGaopCSWJL6QuCVS-E7r7XyvGEfbrXz7PiW5CkNAGO0LHdbAAAA&sqi=2&ved=0CNcBEOgTKAAwFWoVChMIz9jdj8mHyAIVQ1gaCh1VQgJp) in 1993

**4. Murchison Falls Conservation Area (MFCA)** comprises of Murchison Falls National Park, Bugungu and [Karuma Falls](http://www.murchisonfallsnationalpark.com/karuma-falls.html) Wildlife Reserves. This is where the Nile explodes through a narrow gorge and cascades down to become a placid river whose banks are thronged with hippos and crocodiles, waterbucks and buffaloes. The vegetation is characterized by savannah, riverine forest and woodland. Wildlife includes lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, hartebeests, oribis, Uganda kobs, chimpanzees, and many bird species.

**5. Entebbe Wildlife Sanctuary**

The Entebbe Wildlife Sanctuary is found in Uganda. It was established in 1951. This site is 51 square kilometres.

**6.** The source of the **river Nile** is the main tourist attraction in Jinja. The rapids and thunderous waterfalls at the start of the Nile are a wonderful sight. Some of the activities you can partake while at the Nile include water skiing, quad cycling, rafting, kayaking and boat cruise.

**7. Bujagali Falls**

Bujagali Falls was a waterfall near Jinja in Uganda where the Nile River comes out of Lake Victoria, sometimes considered the source of the Nile. Starting November 2011, the falls were submerged by the new Bujagali Dam.

**8. Mount Elgon National Park**

At 4,000km² Mt. Elgon has the [largest volcanic base in the world](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/mount-elgon-national-park/areas-of-interest). Located on the Uganda-Kenya border it is also the oldest and largest solitary, volcanic mountain in East Africa. Its vast form, 80km in diameter, rises more than 3,000m above the surrounding plains. The mountain’s cool heights offer respite from the hot plains below, with the higher altitudes providing a refuge for flora and fauna.

Mount Elgon National Park is home to over [300 species of birds](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/mount-elgon-national-park/activities/item/123-birding-in-menp), including the endangered Lammergeyer. [Small antelopes, forest monkeys, elephants and buffalos](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/mount-elgon-national-park/wildlife-and-birding) also live on the mountainside. The higher slopes are protected by national parks in Uganda and Kenya, creating an extensive trans-boundary conservation area which has been declared a UNESCO Man & Biosphere Reserve.

[A climb](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/mount-elgon-national-park/activities/item/125-nature-walks-in-menp) on Mt. Elgon’s deserted moorlands unveils a magnificent and uncluttered wilderness without the summit-oriented approach common to many mountains: the ultimate goal on [reaching the top of Mt. Elgon](http://www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/mount-elgon-national-park/activities/item/121-mountain-volcano-climbing-in-menp) is not the final ascent to the 4321m Wagagai Peak, but the descent into the vast 40km² caldera.

**9. Uganda Museum**

The Uganda Museum is a museum in Kampala, Uganda, which displays and exhibits ethnological, natural-historical and traditional life collections of Uganda's cultural heritage.

The tourist attractions in Uganda wouldn’t be complete without Gorilla Trekking.  Uganda is actually the best place to go as we have the largest number of gorilla families in the Bwindi National Forest.

**10. Uganda Martyrs Shine Namugongo**

Uganda Martyrs Minor Basilica/Shrine is a Catholic Church dedicated to the Martyrs of Uganda who shed their blood because of the Christian faith. From far, the eyes cannot fail to catch the sight of a whitish pinnacle towering the normally blue sky. As one approaches, one is gripped by that special feel of a godly environment, with a heroic atmosphere of the Martyrs given by the imposing giant structure of a shrine. This is Namugongo where now people flock daily in tens and thousands to honour and pray to God through the intercession of the twenty two Uganda Martyrs

**Uganda Martyrs Meusum Namugongo**

The Uganda Martyrs museum Namugongo- Church of Uganda is, a private (owned by the church of Uganda) built in remembrance of the 24 prostestant martyrs that were martyred

**Field trips**

**Option 1:** Visit to Source of River Nile, Jinja, Bujagali Fallsand Boat Cruise on Lake Victoria

**Option 2:** Visit to the Uganda Meusum, Uganda Martyrs Basilica Namugongo,Uganda Martyrs Meusum Namugongo andEntebbe Wildlife Sanctuary.

Thanks a lot let us remain in touch and do not hesitate to inquiry where need be.