

AZEF 2024 Conference

8-10 October 2024

Pre-conference workshop 7 October 2023

The Barn, Calvinia, Northern Cape



Call for Sponsored Student Applications

Applications are invited from students for sponsored attendance of the AZEF 2024 conference.

Applications are open to deserving post-grad students registered with a tertiary institution, who wish to attend and present their research relevant to the conference sessions detailed on page 2.

Presentation formats include full platform presentation, speed presentation or poster.

Successful applicants will receive sponsored conference registration, accommodation and meals (excluding breakfast). Assistance with travel to Calvinia can be arranged.

Applicants must register indicating 'In-person registration - sponsored student' on the Google form and sponsorship application forms and abstract guidelines will be emailed to you.

Register now: www.azef.co.za or [FILL OUT IN GOOGLE FORMS](#)

Submit your completed application forms and supporting documents, together with your abstract, before the deadline of 30/08/24 for consideration by the AZEF Scientific Committee. Applications will be assessed as they are received so earlier submission is recommended.

Submit applications & abstracts to: gill@azef.co.za

Terms and conditions:

Sponsorship for AZEF 2024 in-person includes the cost of early-bird student registration (valued at R4,000) and pre-conference workshop (valued at R500 if applicable), together with accommodation.

The committee reserves the right to make decisions on applications and once a decision has been reached it is final and no correspondence on this decision will be entered into.

Those students receiving sponsored registration, and who do not attend the AZEF 2024 conference, will be expected to pay back the registration fee:

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- Management of Protected Areas and OECM's

Conference: From Dust to Data: Narratives of the Karoo's past and future

Sessions

Socio-ecological theory in arid zones

- Adaptation and Resilience: Exploring strategies to cope with environmental changes.
- Land use change: Examining the drivers and consequences of changes in land.
- Ecosystem services: Studying the benefits nature provides to humans.
- Socio-cultural values: How beliefs and norms shape human interactions with the environment.
- Environmental governance: Analysing policies for sustainable resource management.

Development threats in the arid zone

- Impacts of development on arid zone ecology and/or socio-ecology.
- Environmental impact assessments in the arid zone: gaps in understanding or issues with processing.
- Leveraging opportunities from developments in arid zones (eg. research on offsets, lessons learnt etc.).

Climate-change

- Predictions for how climate-change might affect arid systems.
- Impacts of climate-change on arid zone species and systems.
- Potential ecosystem-based adaptation or ways to build resilience.

General ecology in the arid zone

- Any research on arid zone flora or fauna.
- Illegal trades in arid flora and fauna.
- Conservation and agriculture in the arid zone.



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