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**Southern African  
Mountain Conference  
2022  
Announcement  
&  
Call for Abstracts**

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**Champagne Sports Resort  
Cathkin Valley, Maloti-Drakensberg Mountains, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

**14 to 17 March 2022**

It is a pleasure to invite you to the  
1<sup>st</sup> Southern African Mountain Conference ([SAMC2022](#)).

SAMC2022 is organised by the African Mountain Research Foundation ([AMRF](#)), in association with the Afromontane Research Unit ([ARU](#) – University of the Free State) and Global Mountain Safeguard Research ([GLOMOS](#) – United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security, and Eurac Research).

SAMC2022 will be held at the [Champagne Sports Resort](#) in the Maloti-Drakensberg Mountains, from 14 to 17 March 2022.

Focusing on mountains in the southern African region – i.e. Angola, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo [southern mountains], Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, La Réunion, South Africa, southern Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe – this will be the first regional conference of its kind.

SAMC2022 is intentionally multi-disciplinary, and seeks to bring together key stakeholders in the scientific, policy, practitioner, and livelihoods sectors, leading to stronger cooperation for mountains, providing a strong science-policy-industry interface.



The theme of SAMC2022 is

**‘Southern African mountains – their value and vulnerabilities’**

The Call for Abstracts is open to any discipline – single, multi-, inter- or trans-disciplinary. The final programme of sessions will be determined by the subjects of the abstracts received and accepted.

Bearing in mind that SAMC2022 focuses on the **mountains of southern Africa**, topics of interest could include, amongst others:

- Archaeology and history
- Biodiversity and biogeography
- Climatology and climate change
- Conservation, restoration and management
- Culture, anthropology and indigenous knowledge systems
- Ecosystems services and ecological infrastructure
- Governance and policy – including traditional
- Hazards and risks
- Industry, economics and livelihoods
- Mountain communities, their resilience and adaption
- Mountain resources and intellectual property
- Observatories and long-term monitoring
- Palaeo-ecology and palaeo-reconstruction
- Social-ecological systems and sustainability
- Transboundary cooperation
- Water resources and management

To submit your abstract, please click on the following link:

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And then select “Abstracts”

**Important dates:**

Deadline for submission: 31 August 2021  
Notification of acceptance: By 15 November 2021



We are carefully monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will adapt SAMC2022 as needed; however we are optimistic of an in-person event (with necessary protocols), or a hybrid event. The selected venue has an excellent reputation in hosting safe events.

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