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Kingdom of Lesotho

AAPAM 45TH ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE

LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

Theme: **From Ambition to Impact: Reimagining Public Administration for the Realization of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs towards the Africa We Want**

Venue: **Manthabiseng Convention Centre,**

Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho

Date 8th- 11th December 2026

Dear Participants,

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (through the Ministry of Public Service) is pleased to host the 45th AAPAM Roundtable Conference, which will be held from **8th–11th December 2026 in Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho.**

The Kingdom of Lesotho, known as the "Mountain Kingdom," is a landlocked country in Southern Africa, surrounded by the Republic of South Africa. It is renowned for its spectacular mountain landscapes and rich cultural heritage. The country's highland terrain, historic sites, local crafts, and vibrant cultural identity offer visitors an opportunity to experience a unique African destination.

Maseru, located in the western lowlands of Lesotho, serves as the country's political, administrative, commercial and cultural centre. The city provides a convenient base for visitors to experience Lesotho's institutions, communities, markets, cultural attractions and surrounding landscapes.

This logistical and administrative note provides participants with essential information concerning the conference venue, dates, travel, accommodation, local transportation, immigration and visa requirements, health, weather, currency, communication, power supply and other practical arrangements.

Dates	The 45th AAPAM Roundtable Conference will take place from **8th–11th December 2026** at the **Manthabiseng Convention Centre, Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho.** The detailed programme and specific arrangements for the different categories of participants will be communicated separately. Proposed conference structure: **8–9 December 2026: Panel sessions** **10 December 2026: Specialized breakaway sessions/ AAPAM Award ceremony** **11 December 2026: Reporting & Closing Ceremony** **Arrival:** Participants are encouraged to arrive in Maseru on **7 December 2026**, allowing adequate time for registration and preparation for the conference.

	Final programme arrangements will be communicated by AAPAM and the Host Government.
Purpose of the Conference	The AAPAM Roundtable Conference provides a continental platform for public sector leaders, policymakers, academics, development partners and practitioners to deliberate on emerging governance and public administration challenges. The 45th RTC will particularly focus on translating Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into practical institutional action, stronger public sector performance, innovation, accountability and improved outcomes for citizens.
Venue	**Manthabiseng Convention Centre Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho** Facilities at the hotel include modern and spacious guest rooms with complimentary toiletries, air conditioning, Satellite TV and complimentary Wi-Fi access.
Accommodation	The Host Government (Lesotho), in collaboration with AAPAM, will identify and communicate a list of recommended hotels and negotiated rates for conference participants. Participants/delegations will be responsible for confirming their accommodation reservations and settling their accommodation costs. **AAPAM2026** will be used as promocode
Travel and Local Transportation	Participants travelling by air should plan to arrive through **Moshoeshoe I International Airport (MSU), Maseru**. The airport is located approximately 18 km from Maseru. The Host Government will cater for ground Transportation, Pick-up from and to the airport including all ports of entry for participants will be available, all participants are advised to utilize transport services recommended for delegates.

	Participants are encouraged to provide their confirmed flight details to the conference secretariat within the specified deadline to facilitate airport reception and transfers. Lesotho is also accessible by road from South Africa, with several border crossings connecting the two countries.
Immigration and Visa Requirements	Participants are responsible for confirming whether they require a visa to enter Lesotho. The Government of Lesotho advises that visa requirements vary by nationality, with exemptions applying to certain countries under visa-abolition arrangements. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE FACILITATED FOR DELEGATES WHO REQUIRE VISA TO RECEIVE VISA ON ARRIVAL. The Note Verbale will be issued. It is strongly encouraged that delegates secure a Service Passport and confirm their attendance to the conference for ease of facilitating the VISA processes. **Important:** Visa requirements should be confirmed based on the participant's nationality before travel. The Government of Lesotho's current visa information should be consulted before making travel arrangements.
Health Regulations	All participants must ensure that they take the necessary vaccinations (Yellow fever) and travel with their vaccination card which is an entry requirement. Participants are also encouraged to carry any relevant medical documentation.
Weather	December falls within Lesotho's summer season, which is generally warm and may experience rainfall. Participants are advised to carry appropriate clothing and remain attentive to local weather conditions.

Language	Lesotho's official languages include Sesotho and English, with English widely used in official and professional settings. The conference will be conducted in **Arabic, English, and French**, with simultaneous interpretation.
Documents	Working documents for the meeting will be shared with the participants through email prior to the meeting.
Local Currency and Foreign Exchange	The currency of Lesotho is the **Lesotho Loti (LSL/M)**. The Loti is pegged at par with the **South African Rand (ZAR)**, and both currencies are accepted in Lesotho. Participants can access foreign exchange services through banks and designated exchange facilities in Maseru, including facilities at Moshoeshoe I International Airport. Participants are advised to carry an appropriate combination of cash and internationally accepted debit/credit cards.
Time Zone	Maseru operates on **South Africa Standard Time (SAST), UTC/GMT +2**, throughout the year.
Communication and SIM Cards	The country calling code for Lesotho is **+266.** Participants may obtain local SIM cards and mobile services upon arrival in Maseru. Sim cards will also sold at the conference venue. Participants should ensure that their mobile devices are unlocked for use with local networks. Wi-Fi will be available at the conference venue, subject to the facilities provided by the venue.
Power Supply	Participants are advised to carry an appropriate travel power adapter compatible with electrical outlets in Lesotho. The primary power plug is Type M, which has three large round pins. The standard voltage is 230 V with a frequency of 50 Hz

	 
Dress Code	Formal Business. IMA Dinner African attire
Security and Safety	The Host Government will coordinate appropriate security and safety arrangements for conference participants. Participants are nevertheless encouraged to exercise normal precautions, safeguard their travel documents and valuables, and use transportation arrangements recommended by the Host Government and AAPAM. Emergency and security contact information will be provided to participants as part of the final conference information package.