



environmental affairs

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Environmental Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Invitation to participate in a Second South African research cruise onboard SA *Agulhas II* under the IIOE-2 programme.

In 2014, the IOC of UNESCO¹ adopted a resolution in support of the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2), to run from 2015 to 2020. South Africa, being one of the countries affiliated to the IOC, will be participating in the IIOE-2 through various activities. These activities were endorsed by the South African Cabinet in August 2017.

To this end, the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) invites experts, natural and social scientists, and students to participate in a research cruise onboard the SA *Agulhas II* in June-July 2018.

A brief description of the cruise is as follows:

Research ship: SA *Agulhas II*

Berths available: 100 (Single and shared cabins).

Cruise Dates: 10 June 2018 – 13 July 2018

Area of Operation: South West Indian Ocean from Durban, South Africa and proceed along the west coast of Madagascar, Comoros and Tanzania. The ship will leave from and return to Durban, and conduct scientific sampling off the coasts of Madagascar, Comoros and Tanzania.

Disciplines (including but not limited to): Physical Oceanography, Chemical Oceanography, Biological Oceanography, Benthic Biodiversity, Marine Top Predators (whales, seabirds), Marine Geology, Social Sciences.

Stopover/Changeover – the SA *Agulhas II* is planning to have port calls and stopovers in Madagascar and Comoros (ports and dates to be confirmed) for change-over and/or Open Day.

South Africa, through the DEA, invites interested scientists and students to apply to participate in the scientific cruise. Those interested in applying, should send an email with their contact details to iioe2@environment.gov.za in order to receive an application form to be completed as well as inform you of requirements. Your intention to participate should be sent as soon as possible, however the closing date is 30 April 2018 (18:00 GMT).



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Director General

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¹ www.ioc-unesco.org

Terms and Conditions

1. Participants who wish to disembark in Comoros should indicate in the forms. Participants are responsible to make their own travel and visa arrangements. Limited funding for transport and logistics is available.
2. Food and accommodation onboard the SA *Agulhas II* will be provided for the duration of the cruise.