

Updated Conference Information

WELCOME TO TANZANIA

Habari na Karibu Tanzania!

Hello and Welcome to Tanzania!



Mt. Kilimanjaro



I am Dr. Anneth Munga.

I am the Director of Post graduate Studies and International Relations and Linkages at Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in Magamba Tanzania East Africa. I also have the privilege of chairing the Local Committee for the 2019 IASE Conference to be held on our campus. We have been pleased to be one of the IASE VSP sites for several years now. This is a relationship we cherish and are thrilled to welcome you to Tanzania East Africa and to the campus of SEKOMU for the 2019 IASE Conference.

Please use our website as a reference for your interests in SEKOMU and our “countdown” days until the Conference. www.irl-sekomu.org/iinternational-association-of-special-education

We have arranged for 27 vehicles to transport our guests from Arusha, Moshi or Tanga to the town of Lushoto and on to the SEKOMU campus in Magamba. During this traveling journey you will have the opportunity to see parts of Tanzania from flat lands to sisal fields to the switchbacks that will take you up and into the mountains. We wanted to make sure you had trusted vehicles and experienced drivers to make your Tanzanian experience as pleasurable as possible. Please see the other Conference related articles in this newsletter for further information.

Please register for the Conference by going to the IASE website at www.iase.org. We are looking forward to the most enthusiastic reception when you join with your brothers and sisters from around the world to learn about and discuss the theme of the Conference: ***“Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and Inclusive Sustainable Development.”***

Travel Arrivals:

Once you have booked your flights and you have booked your lodging choice in Lushoto or Magamba, you must send those flight and lodging arrangements to Susan Pursch, iasesecretary@gmail.com. She will be coordinating ground transportation from Arusha, Moshi and Tanga as well as arranging for vehicles to go to specific lodging locations. We will only be dropping you off at one of our recommended Lushoto lodging sites. If you are staying somewhere else, please let us know and we will seek to get you as close as possible – but will not drop you off at the site, as there are too many people to customize drop offs and pickups.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE VIA MT. KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JRO)

Because the 2019 IASE Conference will be unusual from most conferences you have attended let me walk you through what you need to do. Most international guests will be flying into JRO airport. If you are taking advantage of a safari before the conference starts, please make arrangements with your chosen safari company (suggestions are on the IASE website at www.iase.org. If you are coming in and going directly to the conference you **MUST FLY IN ON SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019**. You will need to make your own arrangements to get to the lodging site you have chosen for Saturday night. We have suggested a number of local lodging sites in Arusha, close to the airport or in Moshi, so check the website for these details (under Ready, Set, Go Experience).

If others are accompanying you but not attending the conference, please know there will be a \$60 USD charge for their arriving and departing transportation. From Arusha/Moshi it can be a 4-6 hour journey which is built into the Conference budget for participants and is an extra charge for those who may be joining you and not attending the Conference. **Please pay this in advance on the IASE website.**

We are recommending that you consider staying overnight on Saturday, July 13th in either of the following locations:

In Arusha – The New Safari Hotel <http://newsafarihotel.com/> This is most easily booked via booking.com. They have the availability of airport pickup and delivery for a fee. You will need to e-mail in advance for this service.



New Safari Hotel -
Arusha

In Moshi – Lutheran Uhuru Hotel <http://www.uhuruhotel.org> Here they are offering a 5% room rate discount as long as you identify you are attending the 2019 IASE Conference at SEKOMU. They also have a pickup service from Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport. They have a variety of size vehicles from 2 persons up to 15 people at a time. Their price range is from \$50 USD to \$110 per vehicle and number of people in the party. Please email ahead if you need this service.



Lutheran Hostel at Uhuru

If you are staying Saturday night at a location other than the two hotels mentioned above, you will need to make arrangements to get to The New Safari Hotel or the Lutheran Uhuru Hotel no later than 7:00 am Sunday morning. The vehicle (s) will leave promptly at 8:00 am for the Conference. This allows for the driver to pack the luggage on the roof of the vehicle and for everyone to be present. PLEASE REMEMBER – Ground transportation from Arusha/Moshi is provided as part of your Conference registration, there is no extra charge for these travel arrangements. There is an additional charge if you are traveling with other who will not be attending the Conference. The driver will have a list of who will be riding in their vehicle. Therefore it is essential to provide your travel and lodging information as soon as you have it. This also includes the names of those who will be traveling with you.

UNDERSTAND, if, for any reason, you miss this provided transportation Sunday morning, July 14, 2019, you will be on your own to get to the Conference. I am suggesting you do everything in your power to get to one of these locations. From there you can sit back, enjoy the view, take advantage of the various stops along the way, take pictures and get to know a bit of Tanzania. The traveling time from Arusha/Moshi to Lushoto can be 4-6 hours depending on a number of factors. It would be very costly and difficult to arrange if you are to do this on your own. Please be prompt.

Arrival in Lushoto/Magamba:

For those of you who will be lodging in Lushoto, you will need to let us know where you will be staying so we can organize the vehicles to carry people going to one of the locations mentioned on the IASE website. You will be dropped off at your respective hotels – assuming you stay at one of the suggested locations listed on the IASE website. You will be picked up each day from one of these lodging locations and transported to the Conference at SEKOMU and returned at the end of the day. The travel time from Lushoto to SEKOMU is approximately 20 minutes each way. If you are staying at a lodging choice not suggested by the IASE planners, you will be on your own to get to one of the locations in order to secure a ride to SEKOMU and back.

Please understand if you are choosing to stay in Lushoto, we are not running a travel service during the Conference. You will be picked up in the morning from your designated lodging site and transported to the Conference. At the end of the Conference day you will be returned to your chosen lodging site. We will not be running shuttle services other than in the morning and end of the day. If you choose to be transported other than the morning or close of the day, you will have to make those arrangements on your own.

For those of you who will be lodging on the campus, you will be brought directly to the campus and learn where you will be staying.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE VIA TANGA

Those of you coming to the conference and arriving in Tanga, you will also need to arrive sometime Saturday, July 13, 2019. You will have made lodging arrangements and transportation arrangements from the airport to your lodging choice to stay overnight in Tanga. Sunday morning, July 14, 2019 you will be picked up at Mkonge Hotel in Tanga.
<http://www.mkongehotel.com>



You will depart Tanga at 8:00 am for a 2-3 hour journey to Lushoto Town. You will need to let us know the lodging location you have chosen so we can make sure to drop you off where you will be staying. If you have chosen to stay at another location, you will be on your own to get to those locations. Each day a vehicle will be assigned to pick you up in the morning and return you in the evening to one of the lodging choices we have recommended. For those of you staying on campus, you will be transported directly to the campus where you will learn where you will be staying.

WELCOME RECEPTION – SUNDAY, JULY 14TH AT SEKOMU

You will be welcomed with local music and honored local officials. Since you will most likely have been traveling great distances during the day, you will be brought to your chosen lodging sites upon arriving to Lushoto. You will have a few minutes to get checked in and settled. You will then be transported to SEKOMU for the Welcome Reception. This will be about an hour and will provide you with fancy hors d'oeuvres so you will not need to order dinner once you return to your lodging location. Please keep in mind this is in North Eastern Tanzania. Food is prepared once your order is placed. The preparation of your food can take some time as it is prepared from scratch. Dr. Anneth Munga, chairperson for the Local Planning Committee will greet you and welcome you to Tanzania and to Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University and to the 2019 IASE Conference.



Brass Band Reception

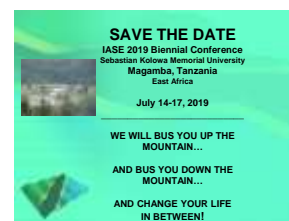
All Conference sessions will be held on the campus, including The Gala Dinner scheduled for Wednesday evening. You will feast upon traditional Tanzania food and other specialties. We will accommodate those with specialized dietary needs, as long as you inform us in advance.



Wednesday at the Conference will be a CULTURAL DAY. Due to the distance between Lushoto and Magamba and the fact there is no time during the day to return to your hotels in Lushoto to get into your ethnic outfits, we are making Wednesday at the Conference CULTURAL DAY. You are being requested to wear your ethnic outfits throughout the day. We will be celebrating the various cultures throughout the day. You will be reminded during the conference to wear your outfits and bring any cultural items, songs, dances, and pictures with you as we celebrate and lift up the Conference CULTURAL DAY.

When our Conference tag line was developed: “We will bus you up the mountain.

We will bus you down the mountain and change your life in between” – we meant it. We have now gone from Saving the Date to making sure you register to be a part of this historic IASE Conference.



VISAS - For those of you who will need a visa to enter Tanzania, please check on the arrangements that need to be in place for you to secure a visa. PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR VISA APPLICATION THAT YOU ARE APPLYING AS A **TOURIST** – do not indicate you are attending a conference as that could cause issues with immigration. This is the request of the Local Planning Committee in Tanzania. We will be glad to provide you with a letter of invitation or a letter indicating you are registered to attend the Conference from Dr. Anneth Munga. If this type of letter is needed, please contact: iasesecretary@gmail.com

Conference Registration

Registration for the International Association of Special Education (IASE) 16th Biennial Conference in collaboration with Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University **is now open**. Go to our website at www.iase.org for access and payment plans. Rates vary depending on your status and category as an IASE member/non- member.

Conference registration for all delegates **except Tanzanians** includes: Welcome Reception, three days of conference sessions with breaks, lunches and transport to and from the airport on assigned days/times, Gala Dinner and Conference Proceedings. **After February 1, 2019**, all conference registration fees will increase by \$150.00 USD **EXCEPTION**: Developing countries will have a \$70.00USD increase. Extra Gala dinner tickets will cost \$22.00 USD.

SAFARI OPTIONS

Since you will be in Tanzania you might as well take the opportunity to be a part of a one, two, three or four day safari. Keep in mind safari's can be quite pricey, but worth the money and experience. You can take advantage of a safari before the conference, as long as you arrive back at Arusha or Moshi in time to meet the transportation



provided with your registration. You cannot be late for the provided transportation or you will need to find your own transportation. Or you can take advantage of a safari after the conference. For those of you who are interested, we have provided, on the iase.org website, a few safari companies for your consideration. It is one thing to visit the facilities we build to see wild animals. It is truly another experience to be their guests.



The Conference concludes Wednesday evening with the Gala Dinner being held on Campus B at SEKOMU. This dinner will conclude the CULTURAL DAY at the Conference. For those of you who

are not taking advantage of one of the options tours on Thursday, you will be departing Thursday, July 18th and returning the same location where you were picked up in Arusha/Moshi or Tanga. Please remember there is a 4-6 hour return time to Moshi/Arusha and a 3 hour return time to Tanga. Therefore is you are scheduling your departure flights – keep in mind you will not return to Arusha/Moshi/JRO until around 5:00 pm You need to be at JRO airport at least 3 hours in advance of your flight. Therefore to depart JRO on Friday or Saturday your flight needs to leave after 8:00 pm local time. If your flight leaves before that time, you will need to arrange to stay overnight somewhere (Moshi/Arusha) until the next day when you will catch your departing flight. Remember that the return transportation from Lushoto/Magamba for Conference registrants is part of your registration fee. For guests you will have paid the additional \$60 USD in advance. There will NOT be transportation provided on Wednesday back to Arusha/Moshi or Tanga after the Gala Dinner as drivers generally do not drive at night. For those of you who will be taking advantage of one of the tour options for Thursday, you will be transported back to Arusha/Moshi, Tanga Friday morning. Transportation will be provided as part of your registration fees.

OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR OPTIONS

Some of you may be interested in taking part in one of two local tours. These are not covered with your registration but are offered at an additional cost. You can only attend one of the options as they are both full day experiences.

TOUR OPTION #1: The Irente area. Irente is an area just outside of Lushoto Town. On this full day tour (Thursday, July 18) you will visit the following locations: Irente Children’s Home, Irente School for the Blind, Irente Rainbow School for children with special needs, Irente Farm (for a farm fresh lunch) and Irente Viewpoint. The total cost will be \$20.00 USD per individual for vehicle, fuel, driver, meals and soft drinks.



Irente Rainbow School



Irente School for the Blind



Irente Children's Home

TOUR OPTION #2- Lutindi Mental Hospital and Tea Farm

This full day tour will take you through the countryside and literally to the top of a mountain where the hospital and tea farm are located. The scenery is breathtaking. This hospital was built in 1896, as a home for children of slaves. After a few years it was repurposed to be a hospital for people with mental disabilities as there was a great need for psychiatric treatment in Tanzania. It is the oldest psychiatric Hospital in East Africa



Lutindi Mental Hospital

and has over 120 beds. They see more than 600 inpatients a year and over 6,000 outpatients in a variety of locations. They offer psychiatric treatment, group and individual therapy as well as occupational therap.

Inpatients work with the livestock, in the kitchen, making hand crafts and assist with the Tea Farm. The cost will be \$25.00 USD per individual registrants which covers vehicle, fuel, driver, meals and soft drinks.



Tea Farm

PRESENTERS and Non-Tanzanian Conference Registrants

All presenters and Conference registrants are required to register for the conference by April 1, 2019. All conference participants must register no later than April 1, 2019. Cancellations **MUST** be made in writing for IASE Board approval. Send this information to IASE Treasurer, PO Box 2159, Mesa, AZ, 85214, USA or email dririsdoug@gmail.com. Refund information: All refunds are subject to a \$80.00 USD processing charge. Cancellations requested by April 1, 2019 will receive a full refund (minus the \$80.00 USD); April 2-15 2019 will receive a 75% refund (minus the \$80.00 USD); April 16-30, 2019 will receive a 50% refund (minus the \$80.00 USD). No refunds will be processed after May 1, 2019. PLEASE remember to register early as this conference is limited to the first 500 participants.

TANZANIAN REGISTRANTS

Tanzanian Registrants registration fees includes: Opening Reception, three days of conference sessions with breaks and lunches. After February 1, 2019 fees will increase by \$70.00USD/160,000TZS (Tanzanian Currency). All Gala tickets will be an extra \$22.00 USD **for all students and teachers only**. Payments need to be submitted to the IASE Conference 2019 account number 41610018966 via the National Microfinance Bank Lushoto Branch/Swift code: NMIBTZZ. For more information feel free to contact Dr. Anneth Munga at: annethmunga@irl-sekomu.org or check out the website at www.iase.org

LOCAL OPTIONS

For those of you who will be traveling with your family and/or friends who will not be attending the Conference, there are many things to do in the area. These can be taken advantage of whether you are staying in Lushoto or on the campus in Magamba.



Welcome to Lushoto

Lushoto is the closest significant town to Magamba. Here is a picture of the market day in Lushoto. There are local hiking and bicycling tours.



Market Day

You can visit the Irente Biodiversity Reserve.

There are several spectacular waterfalls in the area and eco-tourism is very popular. Any of these options are available to you but are not part of the Conference. We are attempting to seek out and put together some volunteer options for non-conference attendees.

SPONSOR A TANZANIAN TEACHER

We've all heard the proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" — and it certainly takes a village to educate a child. At this time, we want to challenge and encourage our members, NGOs and sponsors to provide additional support for teachers in Tanzania to participate in this amazing event. We are seeking donations of \$100.00 USD to cover registration fees and /or \$20 USD to cover housing expenses for four days. These donated funds will be allocated in a special account earmarked for Teachers of Tanzania.



Please click on the tab on our website and write in your donation TODAY. Every little bit counts toward the future of all children. Thank you in advance for your support and for being part of IASE.

TWO ADDITIONAL CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Twesigye Jackson Kaguri



Founder and CEO of Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri was born and raised in Uganda in the small village of Nyakagyezi. At a very young age he demonstrated an unquenchable desire to learn, which led him to study at and graduate from Makerere University in Kampala. During this time, he co-founded the human rights organization, Human Rights Concerns, to help victims of human rights violations in Uganda and to educate the public about their rights. In the 1990's he became a visiting scholar at Columbia University where he studied Human Rights Advocacy. Over the years he has been involved extensively in international community efforts as a human rights advocate, fundraiser, and inspirational speaker.

In 2001, Kaguri founded the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in response to the devastating effects of AIDS in his hometown. The organization provides free education to children who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. In addition to three schools, it also operates two libraries, Desire Farm and Nutrition Program, two medical clinics, clean water systems, and a support program for over 7,300 grandmothers who care for up to 12 children at a time.

Since founding the project, Kaguri has also become an author. In "A School for My Village" he shares how he came to build the first school and the struggles he faced during the first few years. In 2012, he was named a CNN Hero and recognized internationally for his innovative work in human rights. Kaguri has also been named a Heifer International Hero, recognized in Time Magazine's 'Power of One' Series, and has spoken to the UN about his work. When not visiting the schools in Uganda or working at his office in Okemos, Michigan, Kaguri travels the country to speak about the organization.

Dr. Girma Berhanu



Dr. Girma Berhanu, teaches in the Department of Education and Special Education at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. He has been a member and National Chair IASE for some time. He is originally from Ethiopia and early on was a pioneer in the field of mental retardation in his home land in Ethiopia.

He has over 100 publications and his general areas of research interest include: race, ethnicity, and special education. Currently, he primarily works in the areas of socio-cultural factors, including historical aspects and institutional frameworks, that are relevant to education in general

and to special education approaches and perspectives in particular. He frequently discusses topics of equity in the field of special education. His areas of research are generally around race, ethnicity, and special education. He is particularly interested in "group-based inequalities" in scholastic achievement and minority students' learning and development in a globalized and post-colonial world. He is a member of an international consortium of equity in special education. The consortium focuses mainly on understanding the "Complexities of Inclusive Education from a Comparative Perspective: How Cultural Histories Shape the Ways That Schools Respond to Multiple Forms of Diversity."

We look forward to seeing you soon. Asanta Sana....