

The African Astronomical Society (AfAS) Conference 2026 will take place in Kasane, Botswana, from Sunday, 22 March to Friday, 27 March 2026. The conference will be hosted at Wild View Resort, offering delegates a unique setting at the gateway to one of Africa's premier wildlife regions. The pre-conference programme will commence from Friday, 20 March 2026, a comprehensive list of the activities can be accessed from

<https://events.saa.ac.za/event/13/page/6-conference-workshops>.

The information below is intended to assist delegates in preparing for their visit and to ensure a safe and enjoyable stay.

1. VISA Entry

Delegates who have been granted visas to attend the African Astronomical Society Conference 2026 are kindly advised to print a copy of their visa approval letter and carry it with them when travelling. Immigration authorities may request this document upon departure, arrival, or during transit, and having a printed copy will help facilitate a smooth entry process. Delegates are therefore encouraged to keep the approval letter readily accessible together with their passport and other travel documents throughout their journey.

2. Health and Safety

Delegates are advised to consult their healthcare providers prior to travel regarding preventative measures against malaria, as Kasane is located in a malaria-risk area.

A mobile clinic will be stationed at Wild View Resort throughout the conference period to provide basic medical support if required. As Kasane is the gateway to Chobe National Park, the town is not fenced and wildlife may occasionally move through surrounding areas. Delegates are advised to:

- Avoid walking at night
- Follow guidance from hotel staff regarding wildlife safety
- Maintain a safe distance from any wild animals encountered

3. Weather

March in Kasane is typically warm and humid, with daytime temperatures often ranging between 24°C and 32°C. Occasional rainfall may occur as it falls within the late rainy season. Delegates are encouraged to pack:

- Light, breathable clothing
- Comfortable walking shoes
- A rain jacket and warm clothing
- Sun protection such as hats and sunscreen

4. Travel Logistics

Delegates arriving via Victoria Falls International Airport in Zimbabwe will have access to a conference shuttle service to Kasane. To make use of this service, delegates are required to sign up in advance using the following form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1y62_mtuGtOD-vkVGk6o2Q5smwLMIARqAqL0i88s9-HQ/edit

5. Conference Schedule

For a detailed overview of the conference programme and session timetable, delegates are encouraged to consult the official event schedule available at:

<https://events.saa.ac.za/event/13/timetable/#20260320>

The programme includes plenary sessions, parallel scientific meetings, networking events, and pre-conference activities.

6. Gala Dinner

The AfAS Conference Gala Dinner will be hosted on Thursday, 26 March 2026. Delegates are encouraged to attend in Cultural Attire, celebrating the rich diversity of cultures represented at the conference.

7. Travel Grants

Delegates who have been awarded travel grants are kindly advised that flight bookings and accommodation arrangements are currently being finalised by the Local Organising Committee (LOC). Confirmation details will be shared directly with the nominated delegates as soon as these arrangements have been completed.



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