
YOUNGSTERS ON THE AIR 2018 SOUTH AFRICA BULLETIN 1



Youngsters On The Air



WELCOME TO YOTA 2018!

Dear fellow young amateurs!

Welcome to YOTA ZS 2018! This 8th edition of Youngsters On The Air will be a special one, for several reasons. It will be the first YOTA which takes place in Africa, for many of the young participants it will be even the first time travelling to Africa, this also brings the possibility to have more (new) African teams taking part, an extra welcome to all new teams! We are happy that you're taking part in YOTA! It will also be the first annual YOTA which will take place in winter, keep this in mind when packing your suitcase.

Last IARU R1 conference, September 2017, it has been decided to change the content of the annual YOTA event to a train-the-trainer event. During this week we will work on setting up a youth program and/or new youth events in your member society. We will still have many amateur radio related workshops, cultural events and a bit of sightseeing, but the main focus of the event changed.

We are looking forward to another great YOTA, I am confident you all will have a wonderful time and will make many new friends. Don't forget, we are the ambassadors of YOTA and part of the future of amateur radio.

Lisa Leenders
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Youth Working Group Chair IARU R1

WELCOME TO SOUTH AFRICA!

Dear youngsters,

SANIBONANI, MOLO, GOEIEDAG, THOBELA, DUMELA, LUMELA, ABUSHENI, SANIBONA, AYUWANI, SALIBONANI, AND A WARM SOUTH AFRICAN HELLO!

It is truly an honour to welcome you to YOTA 2018 in the Republic of South Africa.

This is the first time that the YOTA Summer Event will be presented outside of Europe and we are very excited that you are going to be a part of this undertaking. About 70 youngsters from various parts of the world will be attending this event which includes about 28 participants from 6 African countries! This is a huge milestone for YOTA!

Our programme is jam-packed with amazing activities such as a BACAR balloon launch for a near space experience, various cultural and wildlife events, kit building, and a Safari! Our aim is also to introduce a new official YOTA activity called "Train-The-Trainer" which will provide youngsters with the necessary skills to further develop youngster participation in their own respective countries.

This document contains important information that you need to know before you come to South Africa. Please read it carefully and do not hesitate to contact the South African YOTA Organizers if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting each one of you and cannot wait to share this amazing event with you!

Remember to visit the events information page for all your travel requirements information at:

www.ham-yota.com

www.zs9yota.co.za/web/event-information

Best 73 and warm wishes from SA.

Koos Fick
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Youth Coordinator of SARL

CAMP LOCATION AND VENUE

The camp will be held, from 8 to 15 August, in the province of Gauteng, South Africa. Gauteng, which means "place of gold", is one of the nine provinces of South Africa. Situated in the Highveld, Gauteng is the smallest province in South Africa, accounting for only 1.5% of the land area.

Our chosen venue is Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre. The venue is about 15km away from OR Tambo International Airport. Kopanong provides large conference rooms, sporting areas, free WiFi etc.

Teams will be shuttled from the airport directly to the venue. More information regarding the pickup location will be sent in the final newsletter. Departures will be discussed at the camp.

Take a look at their website:

<https://aha.co.za/kopanong-hotel/>



WHAT'S NEW?

This year, YOTA South Africa will be introducing something new. Train-the-trainer is a brand new initiative that will focus on creating young ambassadors for amateur radio. All of the activities presented in South Africa will equip youngsters with the knowledge and skills to organize similar events on local, national or sub-regional level when they return back to their home countries. In achieving this objective, we will be able to spread YOTA activities including amateur radio on a broader level in society.



ACTIVITIES

Some of our main activities include:

- Train-the-trainer
- BACAR (Balloon Carrying Amateur Radio) - launching and tracking of a high altitude balloon with various radio equipment on-board to explore near-space.
- Working Amateur Radio Satellites – Workshop and Presentation
- Software Defined Radio
- Cultural event and African wildlife
- Building your own personal radio transceiver kit
- Intercultural evening
- Presentation by a local AM broadcast station
- HAREC Certificate - lectures and examination
- Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio, its acronym RaDAR, come and find out more!
And many more!



PARTICIPANTS

This year 28 teams will participate from all over IARU-Region 1. Participants will be split into 2 groups for the daily activities. During some activities youngsters will compete against one another. The winning team or participant will be awarded a prize on the final night.

RADIO STATION

The official YOTA SA callsign, ZS9YOTA, will be available for all participants to use. A fully equipped radio station will be available at all times.

If you prefer to use your own headset/CW-key, don't forget to pack it in! If you would also like to bring some equipment with you to use during your stay in South Africa, please do so.

Let's spread the word about YOTA!

CHECKLIST

- Passport and ID card
- Travel- and health insurance (Please bring copies of these documents to hand in on arrival)
- Necessary medication if needed
- A copy of your Radio Amateur license (If you have one)
- Cellphone and charger
- Laptop and charger
- 2m Handheld Radio (If you have extra, please bring them as well. Remember to mark them with your callsign.)
- Swim suite and towel (Yes, it is winter, but this is Africa!)
- Hat/cap
- Sunscreen (MOST IMPORTANT - SPF30 or more!)
- Comfortable clothing for the duration of the event
- Camera
- National flag (At least 1 per country)
- Toiletries
- A **warm** jacket and appropriate clothing for the early mornings and late afternoons – Remember its winter in the Southern Hemisphere!
- QSL-cards to exchange with other participants
- Food/Drinks and traditional clothing for the intercultural evening



INTERCULTURAL EVENING

The YOTA Intercultural evening is a famous YOTA event where youngsters bring food and drinks from their countries to share with the other countries. Sweets, cold drinks and non-perishable foods are always a good idea.

As most of you will be traveling to South Africa via air travel, please keep in mind that some food products will not be allowed to be brought into the borders of the Republic of South Africa. Please visit this website for more info regarding prohibited items: <http://www.sars.gov.za/Client-Segments/Customs-Excise/Travellers/Pages/Arrival-in-SA.aspx>

ALCOHOL POLICY

According to South African law, the legal age for alcohol consumption and smoking in South Africa is 18 years. If you are under the age of 18 and you are caught consuming alcohol or smoking, necessary measures will be taken.

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