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Africain**



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Tenth Pan-African Ornithological Congress, Kampala, 3-8 Sep 2000

The Pan-African Ornithological Congress is a quadrennial meeting that brings together people interested in the study and conservation of African birds. The first congress was held in Livingstone, Zambia in 1957 and subsequent ones have been held in other African countries. The objective of the PAOC is to promote research on Africa's birds and enhance their survival through conservation and raising awareness.

The tenth PAOC will be held in Kampala, Uganda from the afternoon of 3 September to the evening of 8 September 2000. The theme of this congress is "Birds and Biodiversity", highlighting the important role played by birds and research on birds in promoting the understanding and conservation of biodiversity. The congress is being organized by NatureUganda the BirdLife partner in Uganda. NatureUganda is a membership organisation promoting the understanding, appreciation and conservation of nature in Uganda. The congress is bilingual (French and English) and will comprise plenary sessions, oral and poster contributions and round-table discussions. All people involved in the study and conservation of African birds are invited to attend the congress. Uganda has very high bird species diversity (over 1010 species) for a country of only 236,000 km². Her tropical conditions are somewhat ameliorated by the high altitude, giving cooler and more pleasant birding conditions. Interesting pre-, mid- and post-congress excursions are organized. Special daily very-early morning bird-walks are also possible.

All correspondence concerning registration and logistics should be sent to: PAOC 10 Organising Committee, NatureUganda, PO Box 27034, Kampala. Tel: +256 41 540719; fax: +256 41 533528; email: <eanhs@imul.com>.

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Registration fees: Early (before 30 April 2000) US \$ 300; Late (after 1 May 2000) US \$ 400; Students (proof of student status, e.g. letter from head of department, required) US \$ 200; Daily fee US \$ 60; Accompanying Persons US \$ 180.

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