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The inaugural African Conference for Linear Infrastructure and Ecology (ACLIE) will be held in 2019 in the iconic Kruger National Park, co-hosted by the Endangered Wildlife Trust and Eskom.

Centered around the theme ***Building Partnerships: the linear way***, the conference will focus on the intersection of people and linear infrastructure, specifically how both people and nature are connected along, across and between different types of infrastructure.

Linear infrastructure (which includes roads, railways, pipelines, fencing and powerlines) has numerous, diverse, and mostly negative consequences for biodiversity by, among other things, destroying and degrading, fragmenting ecological connectivity and wildlife populations and their dynamics, direct impacts through collisions and secondary impacts through increased access to previously unattainable natural resources.

This first of its kind conference seeks to move away from a siloed approach, and bring various modes of linear infrastructure together, namely:

- Roads and Rail
- Energy
- Canals, Pipelines and Fences

Experts in transportation development, related scientific study, policy issues, and administrative processes are encouraged to attend ACLIE to share **current research, quality applications, and best practices** that can enhance both the project development process and the ecological sustainability of all linear infrastructure modes.

The conference will take place at the Nombulo Mdluli Conference Centre at Skukuza Rest Camp, which is situated within the world-famous Kruger National Park in South Africa. All conference arrangements will be facilitated and managed by **The Inside Edge**, a professional conference organising company.





Building Partnerships: the linear way

The aims of ACLIE are:

- 1) To promote a safe and ecologically sustainable pan-African linear infrastructure; and
- 2) To promote networking opportunities and effective partnerships that facilitate communication and exchange of knowledge, ideas and news.

Our focus will target four main themes:

- 1. Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on local flora and fauna;
- 2. Linear infrastructure through sensitive areas;
- 3. Mitigating impacts; and
- 4. Building partnerships

The ACLIE programme includes podium presentations, posters, field trips, and exhibits on topics of special interest to **researchers, biologists, engineers, planners, project managers, administrators, and policy makers.**

Important Dates

Date / 2019	Day	Activity
10 March	Sunday	Arrival and registration. "Meet and Greet" cocktail function in evening (complementary)
11 March	Monday	Paper Sessions Breakfast and evening meal to be arranged by delegate
12 March	Tuesday	Paper Sessions Breakfast and evening meal to be arranged by delegate
13 March	Wednesday	Field trips and workshops Breakfast and evening meal to be arranged by delegate
14 March	Thursday	Paper Sessions Breakfast to be arranged by delegate Bush braai (booking required)
15 March	Friday	Paper Sessions (am) and departures (pm)

Registration opens soon, with details on our website.

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A range of sponsorship packages are available – please contact Wendy Collinson if you would like more details: wendyc@ewt.org.za

