The programme will include plenary talks by world-renowned experts and provide opportunities for both oral and poster presentations. The whole event will last nine days:

• Five days of conference with oral presentations, posters and plenaries and a one-day break for field excursions (14th-19th of July, 2018).
• Three days of focus group discussions and specialised training workshops (20th-22nd of July 2018).

**SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS**

Along with regional sessions highlighting the latest work from across Africa, there will also be a series of Focus Sessions addressing trans-regional themes:

1) Dating and correlation of African archives of environmental change and archaeology,
2) Quantitative palaeoclimatology, modelling and data-model comparisons,
3) The environmental context for hominin evolution and dispersal,
4) African Archaeological Landscapes,
5) Africa on Fire: state-of-the-art and perspectives about fire history, fire ecology and fire-vegetation-climate interactions across tropical biomes,
6) African palaeoecology and archaeology perspectives on land use transformation: Africa Landuse6K,
7) Intra-interhemispheric teleconnections, and
8) Applying the Quaternary: the role of the past in supporting the future.

Workshops will provide training opportunities in: charcoal analysis, radiocarbon dating and age models, GIS techniques, remote sensing and photogrammetry.

More information can be found on the AFQUA 2018 website.
**CONGRESS EXCURSIONS**

We will soon be sending out a survey to see what kinds of pre- and/or post-conference excursions delegates may be interested in.

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**Accommodation and Activities**

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Further afield, the options are almost limitless, with 2-6+ day tours to world famous destinations like Amboseli, Aberdare, Lake Nakuru, and Maasai Mara.

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**Registration Fees**

- Full Rate: US$ 375
- Early Career and Developing Country Rate: US$ 300
- Undergraduate student Rate: US$ 225

The registration fee includes: lunches and tea and coffee breaks. Attendance at the ice-breaker (US$ 30) and congress dinner (US$ 50) are optional. A registration form will be available on the conference website.

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