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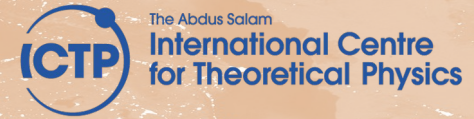
DSU2023 - 17th edition

10-14 July 2023



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DSU2023

ICTP-EAIIFR is proud to host the 17th edition of DSU



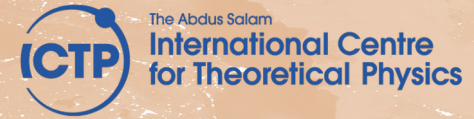
- Venue: the East African Institute for Fundamental Research (EAIIFR), an ICTP partner institute, in Kigali, Rwanda
- Co-organized by ICTP and EAIIFR, on July 10-14





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The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)

- A category 1 UNESCO institute in Trieste, Italy
- Mission: Advancement of science in developing countries
- Funding: Italian government (~90%) and UNESCO (~10%)





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ICTP partner institutes



SAIFR (Brazil), MCTP (Mexico), EAI FR (Rwanda), AP (China)





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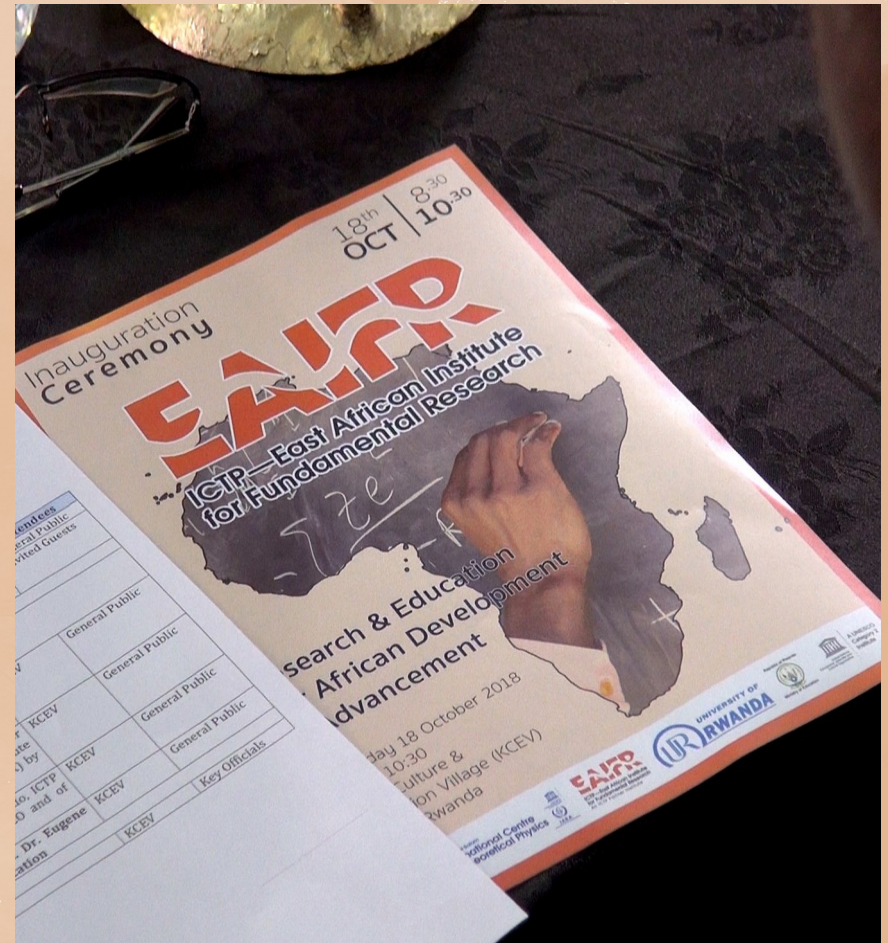
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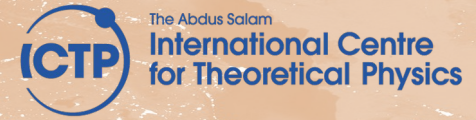
- Inaugurated October 2018
- Category 2 UNESCO institute
- Three research lines: High energy physics and cosmology, Condensed matter, Geophysics
- Funded by the Government of Rwanda
- Scientific/technical support from ICTP





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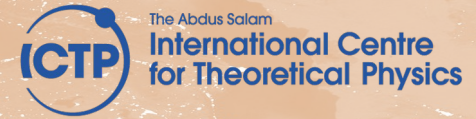
- Aims to be a hub of scientific knowledge for Africa
- MSc and PhD programs
- Already hosted several HEP & Cosmo activities.





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About Kigali



- The fast growing capital of Rwanda. Population: 1.300.000
- Safe, modern, clean, hospitable and laid back...
- ... where people can stroll in the busy city center or across the many green areas, or lounge in rooftop bars with spectacular views or shop in colorful markets





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About Rwanda

Known as the country of a thousand hills

- Admire spectacular views of lake Kivu
- Visit the Akagera National Park
- Trek on the Bisoke and Karisimbi volcanoes
- Meet the mountain gorillas on the Virunga mountains
- Learn about Rwanda's fall and recovery at the Genocide Memorial





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Some useful information

- Average temperature: 27-30 °C (day) and 17-20 °C (night) all year round
- Altitude: 1600 m (Kigali) – 4500 m (mt Karisimbi)
- July is dry season (but climate changes here too! Bring a raincoat)
- No visa application (entry visa to be bought on arrival)





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See You in Kigali!

