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INTRODUCTION

Invitation

Overview of the sector in the region

Africa is a diverse continent with 1.4 billion people and a rapidly growing scientific talent base. It has the world's youngest population, more than 50 countries, well over 1000 languages and a wealth of natural resources. Crystallography in Africa is experiencing rapid growth, marked by the 2023 inauguration of the African Crystallographic Association (AfCA) as an official regional associate of the IUCr.

Crystallography is well established in South Africa and has shown strong growth across the African continent, providing a diverse scientific foundation well suited to hosting the IUCr Congress and General Assembly.

In South Africa there are active and internationally connected research communities in powder diffraction, including neutron-based techniques, supporting advanced studies of functional and energy materials. Structural chemistry and materials science represent a major strength, with research groups contributing to crystal structure determination, structure–property relationships, and the development of innovative inorganic, hybrid, and molecular materials. Structural biology is an expanding and strategically important area, where crystallographic methods drive insights into biomolecular structure and function with direct relevance to health, biotechnology, and infectious disease research. Complementing this, pharmaceutical and medicinal crystallography address solid-state form, polymorphism, and molecular interactions essential for drug discovery and development. Rooted in South Africa's rich geological heritage, mineralogical crystallography remains a distinctive discipline, linking fundamental science to mining, mineral beneficiation, and natural resource sustainability. Collectively, these strengths underscore South Africa's readiness to host a high-impact crystallography conference that can showcase excellence across sub-disciplines, foster international collaboration, and strengthen crystallographic capacity across the Global South.

Higher education

South African universities prepare graduates to play a leading role as citizens and in technology. The four universities in the Western Cape offer a wide range of qualifications including engineering, science and medicine. Excellent contacts across South Africa and the continent provide a vibrant intellectual community across a range of disciplines. Holding the congress in Cape Town provides delegates the opportunity to meet with leaders from local and regional institutions, to exchange knowledge and establish partnership opportunities extending beyond the conference.

Past events

South Africa has a strong recent history of hosting crystallographic events. The 21st European Crystallographic Meeting was hosted in Durban in 2003, while one of the three IUCr-UNESCO Summits in celebration of the International Year of Crystallography, IYCr2014Africa, was held in Bloemfontein in 2014. The 5th European Crystallographic School was held in Stellenbosch under the auspices of the European Crystallographic Association in 2018, while the SUNCrystAL project, a remote labs project supported by the CNRS and UNESCO and aimed at developing crystallography in sub-Saharan Africa north of the South African border, was run in Stellenbosch in 2025.

History of crystallography in South Africa and Africa

Crystallography was introduced into South Africa in the 1930s under the auspices of Professor Reginald W James. James was a member of the Shackleton expedition to the Antarctic in 1914. After being stranded in ice and then on Elephant Island for nearly two years, James took up a post at the University of Manchester where he worked with William Lawrence Bragg. In 1937 he was appointed as Professor of Physics at the University of Cape Town. As a result of his influence South Africa was one of the first countries to join the IUCr, in 1950. Crystallography spread to other centres in South Africa so that by the 1960s it was well-established as a field of study.

In North Africa, different fields of crystallography grew to prominence during the second half of the 20th century. Egypt joined the IUCr in 1978, and other centres have subsequently been established across the African continent.

During the International Year of Crystallography in 2014, South Africa hosted one of the three IUCr-UNESCO summit meetings. It was during this summit that the establishment of an African crystallographic organisation was mooted.

Establishment of AfCA

The African Crystallographic Association (AfCA) was formally constituted in 2021 with 17 founding member countries. In 2023, AfCA became the fifth regional affiliate of the IUCr at the 26th Congress and General Assembly of the IUCr in Melbourne. The Association is a non-profit organisation registered in South Africa, and aims to promote crystallography and related sciences in Africa. AfCA and its members are involved in organising conferences (including the successful Pan-African Conferences on Crystallography), workshops and outreach activities. Several new crystallographic associations have been started across Africa since the inauguration of AfCA, most recently in Senegal (2022) Gabon (2023).

Proposed legacy and impact from hosting the event

This will be the first IUCr Congress held on the African continent. Africa is a vibrant continent with a high proportion of younger people. Crystallography is a multi-disciplinary vehicle which has the potential to drive technological and scientific innovation across the continent. The exposure of developing African crystallographic communities to international research leaders will have significant legacy effects, inspiring and motivating a new generation of African crystallographers. The in-person interactions that will be made possible by hosting the Congress in Africa will be profoundly impactful for developing crystallography on the continent.

Legacy effects anticipated include

- Academic: stronger international research partnerships, exposure of local researchers and postgraduate students to global networks
- Industry: informing industry across the continent of the power of crystallography in solving a wide variety of problems
- Transformation and inclusion outcomes : participation of early-career researchers from historically marginalised institutions, building capacity and confidence among local research communities

Locally, the legacy effects will also be significant. In addition to planning several public lectures featuring notable delegates, the conference will plan an outreach programme to schools and universities in the Western Cape, engaging young people in the disciplines relating to crystallography: physics, mathematics, chemistry, geology, biology, etc. In the year of the congress a regional outreach programme will include displays and discussions presented at science festivals, local science centres, and Science Café events. Crystal-growing competitions will be promoted at regional schools, supported by short-form videos outlining the applications of crystallography and how changes in growth conditions influence crystal properties.

Supporting organizations / institutions / associations

The South African National Committee for the International Union of Crystallography (SANC-IUCr) serves as the official national body linking South Africa to the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr). It operates under the country's IUCr Adhering Body and represents South African crystallography at the international level.

The Committee's primary role is to coordinate and promote crystallographic research, education, and infrastructure in South Africa, while facilitating engagement with IUCr activities, policies, and governance. This includes nominating South African representatives to IUCr Congresses and General Assemblies, supporting participation in international scientific programmes, and strengthening collaboration with global and regional crystallographic organisations.

SANC-IUCr works closely with the South African Crystallographic Society and contributes to the development of crystallography across academia, industry, and related scientific disciplines. Through its activities, the Committee supports capacity development, international visibility, and alignment with global best practice in crystallography and structural science, reinforcing South Africa's role within the international crystallographic community.

The South African Crystallographic Society (SACrS), founded in May 1981, is a scientific organization comprising researchers and students who share an interest in crystallography in South Africa. Its primary objective is to promote the study and advancement of crystallography and to represent the interests of South African crystallographers. The Society also organizes meetings and symposia and facilitates representation on the South African National Committee for the International

Union of Crystallography (IUCr), in accordance with the provisions set by the adhering body to the IUCr.

The African Crystallographic Association (AfCA), was officially constituted in 2021, and become the fifth regional associate of the IUCr in 2023. AfCA is a non-profit organisation registered in South Africa, with 17 African countries as national members: Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia and Zimbabwe. The objectives of AfCA are to contribute to the advancement of crystallography and structural science in all its aspects, including related topics concerning the non-crystalline states; to promote African cooperation in crystallography and related areas across the continent; and to contribute

Bid Committee



Prof Susan Bourne

Susan Bourne is the Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Cape Town. Her PhD, obtained at the University of Cape Town, was a study of organic inclusion compounds undertaken under the supervision

of Luigi Nassimbeni. After a postdoctoral period in Texas, USA, she joined the Chemistry Department at the University of Cape Town and rose through the ranks to become full Professor in 2008. Her research interests



Prof Wolf-Dieter Schubert

Wolf-Dieter Schubert is a senior academic and researcher in the field of biochemistry and structural biology at the University of Pretoria, where he serves as Professor of Biochemistry in the Department of Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology

(BGM). He also holds a leadership role as Chair of the Division of Research and Postgraduate Education within the department. Prof. Schubert serves as Chairperson of the South African National Committee for the International

to the development of education and research in crystallography and structural sciences in Africa. AfCA organises the successful PCCr (Pan-Africa Conferences on Crystallography) conference series, which have been held in Cameroon (PCCr1, 2016), Ghana (PCCr2, 2019), Kenya (PCCr3, 2023) and online (ePCCr 2021 and PCCr4 2025). The Association, together with the IUCr, runs schools and workshops on crystallography across Africa.

Current AfCA Executive Committee:

Patrice Kenfack Tsobnang (President, Cameroon), Rim Benali-Cherif (Vice-President, Algeria), Eustina Batisai (Secretary, South Africa), Adam Bouraima (Treasurer, Gabon), Delia Haynes (Past president, South Africa), Yousef Aboufadiel (Morocco), Mamoudou Diallo (Senegal), Prisca Kouakou (Ivory Coast), Victor Odari (Kenya)

include the application of physicochemical methods to inclusion compounds and crystal engineering of metal-organic materials, all with the aim of correlating solid-state structure with physical properties and reactivity. She has served as Head of Department, Deputy Dean, and as interim Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Cape Town. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. In 2019 she was the recipient of the IUPAC Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering award. In 2023 she was elected to the executive committee of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr). She is a Trustee of the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, and an Associate Editor of CrystEngComm, published by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Union of Crystallography (IUCr), is a member of the IUCr Commission on Macromolecular Crystallography and is Treasurer of the South African Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SASBMB). He also serves as Treasurer for the Young Scientist Programme (YSP) of the 2027 Joint Congress of the International Union for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB) and SASBMB. Prof. Schubert's research is centred on the structural biology of infectious diseases, with a particular focus on understanding the molecular and atomic mechanisms underlying pathogen-host interactions. His work investigates virulence factors produced by pathogens and how these molecules interact with host systems, using a combination of biochemical, structural, and biophysical approaches. Techniques employed include molecular biology for cloning, protein

production and purification, X-ray crystallography and cryo-electron microscopy for structure determination, as well as biophysical techniques to quantify protein-protein interactions. This research aims to reveal how pathogens disrupt cellular processes, ultimately supporting the



Dr Eustina Batisai

Eustina Batisai is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Venda. Her research focuses on supramolecular chemistry, with particular emphasis



Prof Dave Billing

Dave Billing was born in Johannesburg, South Africa where he remains resident and currently is a Professor in the School of Chemistry at the University of the Witwatersrand. Since 2016 he is also the Assistant Dean : Infrastructure and Operations in the Faculty of Science. After completing a PhD in chemical crystallography, an interest in real materials steered him towards powder diffraction, and for



Prof Clive Oliver

Clive L. Oliver is Head of the Department of Chemistry and Associate Professor at the University of Cape Town. He has held academic appointments at UCT since 2007, progressing from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor, and was a Visiting Scholar at Northwestern University in the United States. After completing a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Cape Town, he undertook a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of

development of therapeutic strategies and interventions against infectious diseases. A more recent addition to his research focuses on the effects of genetic mutations underlying deafness in African populations.

on the design and characterization of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), pharmaceutical co-crystals, and host-guest systems. Her work explores structure-property relationships in crystalline materials, including gas sorption behaviour, stability, and solubility, with applications in materials science and pharmaceutical development. Dr Batisai is currently the President of the South African Crystallographic Society and has served on the council for the European Crystallographic Association.

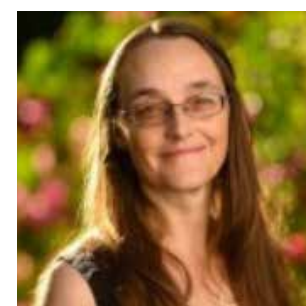
the last approximately 30 years he has been using powder diffraction and related methods to gain insights into some structure-property relationships in functional materials, most recently focusing on energy materials, and the use of synchrotron-based methods. He was elected to the IUCr's Commission on Powder Diffraction in 2011, serving as its chair from 2017 to 2023. He was a co-editor for Acta Crystallographica B from 2010 to 2017, and has co-authored >130 research papers and supervised >35 postgraduate student projects (MSc's and PhD's). He is the Chair of the Beamline Advisory Team for the new High Resolution Powder Diffraction Beamline planned for NSLS-II.

Stellenbosch. Prof Oliver has expertise in crystallography, solid-state chemistry, metal-organic frameworks, and supramolecular chemistry. He has authored over 40 peer-reviewed publications, delivered invited and keynote presentations internationally, and supervised MSc, PhD, and postdoctoral researchers. He has served as President of the South African Crystallographic Society, a council member of the European Crystallographic Association, and on the South African national committee for the International Union of Crystallography. Within UCT, he manages major analytical research facilities, including X-ray diffraction and gas sorption laboratories. Professor Oliver brings strong governance, technical leadership, and international credibility to collaborative and multidisciplinary projects.



Prof Delia Haynes

Delia Haynes is a professor in the Department of Chemistry & Polymer Science at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. Her research is in crystal engineering, which uses well-understood intermolecular interactions to assemble molecules in the solid state, with a view to designing novel molecule-based functional materials. Prof Haynes studies multi-component crystals, with an emphasis on unconventional crystallisation methods. She completed her PhD at Trinity Hall at the University of Cambridge, and remained at Cambridge as a postdoctoral



Prof Catharine Esterhuysen

After completing a PhD in crystallography under the supervision of Gert Kruger at the Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg, South Africa, Catharine Esterhuysen joined Stellenbosch University in 2000. During her studies she developed an interest in computational chemistry, which she was able to develop through Alexander von Humboldt fellowships with Gernot

researcher with the Pfizer Institute for Pharmaceutical Materials Science. She has been at Stellenbosch University since 2007. Prof Haynes has been involved in the development of crystallography in Africa for some time. She served on the Steering Committee that worked to form an African Crystallographic Association, and was elected the first president of the African Crystallographic Association in 2021. She has served on many conference organising committees, including the 3rd and 4th Pan-African Conference on Crystallography, as well as the 2023 IUCr Congress International Programme Committee. She is also a member of the CrystEngComm and New Journal of Chemistry Advisory Boards, a co-editor for IUCrJ, and a fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa, the Royal Society of Chemistry and the South African Chemical Institute.

Frenking in Marburg and Tim Clark at Erlangen. Her main research focus is the study of intermolecular interactions, combining her knowledge of computational chemistry and crystallography to explain unusual interactions and their role in the properties of materials. She has served on numerous committees, including as president of the South African Crystallographic Society, member of the 25th IUCr Congress International Programme Committee and the IUCr's Commission on Crystallographic Teaching (from 2021). She is also on several advisory and editorial boards, including as Co-editor of Acta Crystallographica Section E (2006-2012) and Associate Editor at New Journal of Chemistry (from 2020).



Dr Wilson Mogodi

Wilson Mogodi is a Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Cape Town (UCT). He holds a PhD in crystallography from the University of the Witwatersrand, where he developed expertise in structure determination from powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), including the Rietveld refinement method. At UCT, he teaches from foundational chemistry to advanced topics such as solid-state chemistry and synchrotron radiation techniques (introductory level), while supervising postgraduate research. His research focuses on solid-state chemistry

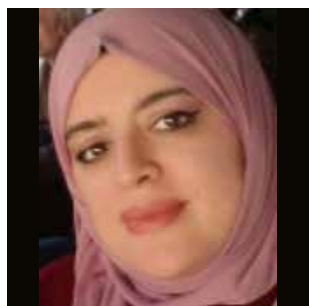
and structure-property relationships in functional materials, including powder diffraction-based structure determination of biomolecules, photocrystallization-driven supramolecular assembly, and functional materials such as perovskites for solar energy and magnetic systems. Prior to joining UCT, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), with continued collaborations including a research visit in 2022 supported by his NRF Black Academics Advancement Programme grant. He is also an executive member of the African Light Source Foundation, contributing to efforts to establish Africa's first synchrotron facility. He serves on the South African National Committee of the International Union of Crystallography and was on the organizing committee of the Southern African Powder Diffraction Conference (2023, Namibia).



Prof Patrice Kenfack Tsohnang

Patrice Kenfack Tsohnang is a Lecturer and Researcher, Associate Professor at the Department of Chemistry of the University of Dschang (Cameroon). His research interests include crystal engineering, hydrogen bonding, crystal and co-crystal growth, polymorphism, porous and oxide materials, and their structure-property

relationship studies. He is the author of over 50 publications with more than 500 citations. Patrice is a fellow of many programmes such as DAAD, TWAS, ASPA, and DFG. He is President of the African Crystallography Association (AfCA) and is involved in many projects for the promotion of crystallography and chemistry in Africa. Patrice was involved in the organization of the first Pan-African Conference on Crystallography (PCCr1) as secretary, PCCr2, e-PCCr, PCCr3 as a member of the organizing committee, and PCCr4 as Chair of the scientific committee. He has served as a judge in the 2025 International IUCr Crystal Growing Competition.



Prof Rim Benali-Cherif

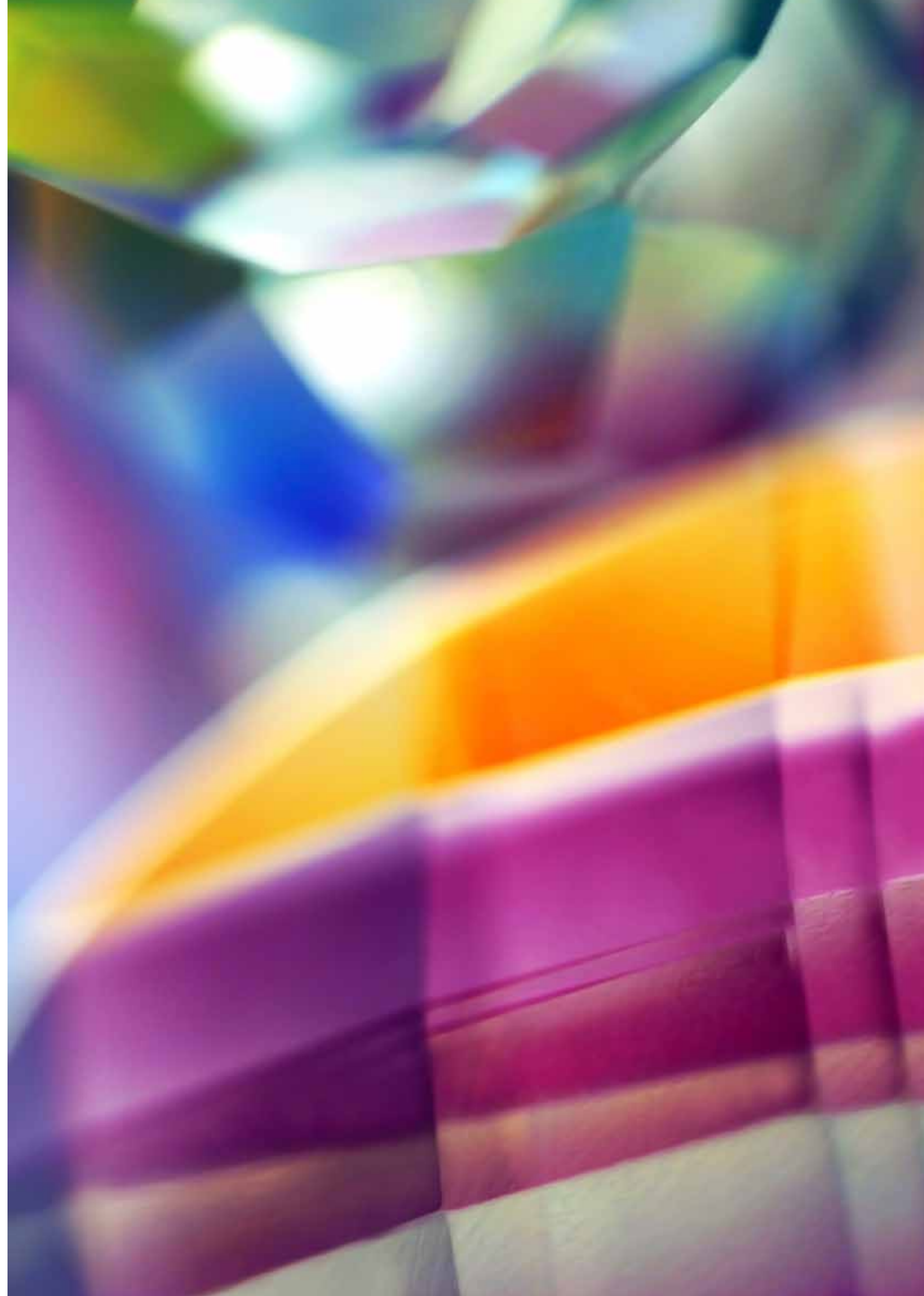
Rim Benali-Cherif is a Full Professor of Chemistry at the University of Abbes Laghrour, Khenchela, Algeria. Her research focuses on crystallography, crystal engineering, structural chemistry, and intermolecular interactions.

She has authored numerous scientific publications in international journals and has received over 200 citations for her work. Her research contributions mainly address crystal structure determination, supramolecular organization, and structure-property relationships in hybrid materials and coordination complexes. Prof. Benali-Cherif is actively involved in academic leadership and contributes to the development of crystallography in Africa through her engagement with the African Crystallographic Association (AfCA).

Proposed dates and climate

Tentative dates: 22-29 August (Sunday – Sunday)

Cape Town enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate which encourages a range of outdoor activities. In August, which falls in late winter in Cape Town, the climate is typically cool with some rain. Daytime temperatures are usually around 15-20 °C while nights may be around 10°C.



HOST DESTINATION

Destination Overview & Facts



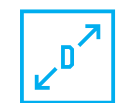
Population

South Africa: **62 million** people
Western Cape: **7.2 million** people



Demographics

79.2% of the population of SA were defined (or defined themselves) as Black, **8.9%** Coloured, **2.5%** Asian and **8.9%** White, with **0.5%** other



Size

South Africa is the **24th largest** country by area, with the **25th largest population**, the **33rd largest economy** by GDP, **30th** by PPP, and ranks **19th in foreign debt** (Economist Pocket World 2020 – comparing 190 countries)



Borders

South Africa is bordered by the **Indian** and **Atlantic Oceans** on three sides. To the north, it shares borders with **Namibia**, **Botswana**, **Zimbabwe**, and **Mozambique**. **Eswatini** and **Lesotho** are two **independent landlocked** countries within its borders



Languages

South Africa has **12 official languages** of which three are spoken in the Western Cape **English** is predominantly used in business and education



Capital Cities

Cape Town is the judicial capital
Pretoria is the administrative capital
Bloemfontein is the legislative capital



Political Landscape

The **first democratic elections** were held in 1994. The leading political party is the **African National Congress (ANC)** with the official opposition being the **Democratic Alliance (DA)**



Religion

Almost **80%** of South Africa's population is Christian with the other **20%** being Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, or other religions



Tertiary Education

26 universities with estimated at **1 million** enrolled students



Climate

South Africa's climate ranges from **Mediterranean** in the southwest to temperate inland and **subtropical** in the northeast, with a small **desert area** in the northwest. Most regions enjoy **warm, sunny days** and **cool nights**



Tax

15% Value Added Tax (VAT)



TIME ZONE

South African Time is **GMT +2**, and there are no time differences, or daylight saving observed within the country



Metrics

Distances are measured in **kilometres** and **metres**, weight by **grams** and **kilograms**. Temperature is measured in **degrees celsius**

Cape Town & the Western Cape: Africa’s Premier Destination for Global Business Events

A World-Class Hub for Knowledge and Innovation

Cape Town and the Western Cape are at the forefront of knowledge-driven growth in Africa. The region is a continental leader in research, innovation, and education making it the ideal location for international business events, academic congresses, and scientific symposia.

The Region Offers:

- Four leading universities, including the University of Cape Town, ranked number one in Africa, and Stellenbosch University, both recognised globally for academic excellence.
- Two internationally accredited graduate business schools, nurturing future leaders in global business and entrepreneurship.
- A strong focus on research and development, particularly in health sciences, engineering, agriculture, renewable energy, and artificial intelligence.
- The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town, the oldest in sub-Saharan Africa, continues to influence global health policy and practice.
- South Africa boasts the most advanced tertiary education system on the African continent, with a network of internationally recognised universities and research institutions. The country is a hub for academic excellence, producing cutting-edge research in health sciences, engineering, technology, environmental science, and social development.
- With strong links to government, industry, and international networks, South Africa’s universities are key players in shaping Africa’s knowledge economy.

Africa’s Technology and Digital Capital

Cape Town is the digital heart of Africa — a thriving hub where ideas, talent, and infrastructure converge to support innovation and the business events industry.

Technology Highlights:

- Over 450 technology firms located in the Cape Town–Stellenbosch corridor, employing more than 40,000 skilled professionals.

- A rich ecosystem of co-working spaces, developer communities, education technology hubs, and digital training academies.
- Extensive fibre-optic internet infrastructure with high-speed connectivity and over 400 free public Wi-Fi zones.
- A proven track record in hybrid and virtual event delivery, with broadcast-quality venues, digital platforms, and experienced event professionals.

This infrastructure ensures seamless delivery of global events, from intimate forums to large-scale congresses.

Business Environment: Stable, Strategic, and Supportive

The Western Cape is South Africa’s most dynamic economic region and serves as a strategic gateway to African markets and beyond.

Key Business Advantages:

- South Africa is ranked among the top three African economies and is a member of the BRICS alliance, the G20, and other leading international bodies.
- A progressive, investor-friendly policy environment encourages foreign direct investment with full foreign ownership rights and liberal profit repatriation policies.
- The national government and regional agencies offer extensive support through investment promotion agencies, trade missions, and public-private partnerships.
- The Western Cape is a recognised leader in green energy, agri-tech, financial services, and creative industries.

Cape Town is an ideal base for companies and associations seeking to expand into Africa while operating within a globally connected, business-oriented ecosystem.

Culture, Wellness, and Lifestyle: A Destination That Inspires

More than just a meeting destination, Cape Town offers a rich and rewarding cultural, culinary, and natural experience.



Cultural and Lifestyle Features:

- A vibrant society shaped by centuries of cultural convergence — including African, European, Asian, and Middle Eastern influences.
- A globally celebrated culinary and wine scene, with the Cape Winelands home to award-winning vineyards and gourmet restaurants.
- A lively arts and design community, with world-class galleries, festivals, and creative hubs.
- A wellness-oriented lifestyle supported by exceptional healthcare facilities, outdoor recreation, and a strong culture of holistic well-being.

Whether delegates are networking over fine wine, exploring Table Mountain, or engaging in leading research conversations, Cape Town provides an experience that is enriching, restorative, and unforgettable.

Why Choose Cape Town and the Western Cape

Cape Town and the Western Cape bring together all the essential ingredients for a successful, memorable, and meaningful event:

- Globally recognised academic and innovation institutions. Africa’s most advanced technology and digital infrastructure.
- Stable, supportive, and open economy.
- Exceptional natural beauty, lifestyle, and hospitality.
- Proven capabilities in hosting hybrid and in-person international events.

Bringing the IUCr to Cape Town will position it in a location where knowledge drives growth, innovation fuels success, and every interaction is elevated by the energy of a world-class destination.



Impact & Legacy Planning

The true value of the IUCr Congress extends far beyond the immediate economic boost. Thoughtfully designed impact and legacy programmes ensure that your event delivers long-term benefits for host communities, industries, and society at large. By integrating legacy planning, organisers create platforms that drive skills development, knowledge transfer, innovation, and community upliftment, transforming an event into a catalyst for meaningful and measurable change.

Cape Town's business events ecosystem is underpinned by strong partnerships between government, academia, industry, and civil society, enabling tailored legacy initiatives that align with your event objectives and organisational impact and legacy priorities. The Cape Town & Western Cape Convention Bureau

actively guides organisers in designing and implementing impact programmes, from identifying local beneficiaries and research collaborations to facilitating sustainability initiatives and enterprise development opportunities.

Choosing Cape Town and the Western Cape for the IUCr Congress is relevant for responsible business tourism. It's focus on inclusive economic growth and sustainable development ensures the IUCr Congress not only delivers academic outcomes but also contributes to job creation, skills transfer, and social cohesion. Here, the Congress will be remembered not just for its content and networking, but for the tangible positive change it leaves behind – strengthening your brand, enhancing delegate experience, and aligning with global best practice in legacy and impact.

Sustainability

Where Sustainable Events Create Lasting Impact

Cape Town and the Western Cape are more than beautiful backdrops for global events — they are living models of sustainability, innovation, and inclusive development. Here, hosting an event means contributing to a region actively aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and committed to creating a legacy that lives far beyond closing remarks.

A Region Aligned with the SDGs

Cape Town and the Western Cape embed the SDGs across urban policy, infrastructure, and innovation:

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

- Integrated urban development with a focus on **affordable housing**, **green building**, and **public transport** like the MyCiTi bus network.
- Revitalized urban spaces support walkability, safety, and accessibility.

Goal 13: Climate Action

- Global leader in **climate adaptation**, with action plans to combat rising sea levels, droughts, and extreme weather.
- Massive investment in **solar and wind energy**, and proactive strategies to reduce carbon emissions city-wide.

Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

- Cape Town's innovative response to its 2018 water crisis has become a global model for **urban water resilience**.
- Extensive use of **greywater systems**, **water-wise landscaping**, and public conservation education.

Goal 15: Life on Land

- Protection of the **Cape Floral Kingdom**—a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the richest biodiversity hotspots on Earth.
- 30+ nature reserves, ecological restoration programs, and invasive species management.

Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

- The Cape Town–Stellenbosch corridor is Africa's largest tech hub, housing **450+ tech companies** and a growing ecosystem of incubators, accelerators, and research labs.
- Public-private partnerships drive **sustainable infrastructure**, **smart mobility**, and green building technologies.

Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being

- Cape Town leads in public health initiatives, with robust infrastructure supporting universal healthcare, preventative medicine, and health equity.
- Emphasis on **mental health**, **nutrition**, and **outdoor wellness** through public parks and active living.



Sustainability in Action

Cape Town and the Western Cape are not just policy-driven — they are **action-oriented**:

- **Zero Waste Goals:** Widespread recycling, composting, and landfill reduction strategies.
- **Green Mobility:** Expanding cycling infrastructure and incentives for carbon-light commuting.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Solar-powered municipal buildings and energy-saving public initiatives.
- **Wellness Integration:** Outdoor-friendly design promotes work-life balance and healthy living.

Hosting Events With Purpose: Impact & Legacy

Choosing Cape Town and the Western Cape ensures your event is part of a larger movement — one that **delivers long-term value to people, planet, and place**.

What Legacy Means Here:

- **Skills Transfer:** Engage with local universities, tech hubs, and research institutions for delegate-led learning sessions and training opportunities.
- **Community Involvement:** Connect with local NGOs, schools, and social enterprises for volunteering or knowledge exchange.

- **Sustainable Event Planning:** Certified green venues, plastic-free initiatives, locally sourced catering, and offset programs available through Cape Town’s Convention Bureau and its partners.
- **Local Economic Inclusion:** Support small businesses and local creatives through inclusive procurement and delegate experiences that benefit the broader community

Measurable Outcomes:

- Events in the Western Cape are supported by sustainability advisors who help **measure and communicate** your environmental, social, and economic impact.

Why Cape Town and the Western Cape for Sustainable Events?

- Active alignment with global sustainability standards (SDGs).
- Innovation ecosystem supporting low-carbon, high-impact events.
- Legacy-building opportunities with lasting community benefits.
- Scenic, safe, and supportive destination for global gatherings.
- Proven record of hosting sustainable and socially inclusive world-class events.



#1 Best City in the World 2025
Time Out



Best City in the World 2023 & 2025
Telegraph Travel Awards

Safety & Security

Cape Town and the Western Cape offer a secure, professionally managed, and welcoming environment for international events. With proactive safety partnerships, advanced surveillance systems, and dedicated public-private initiatives, the region has built a strong reputation for delegate safety and smooth event operations.

Safety Around the Cape Town International Convention Centre

The **Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)** is located in the heart of a vibrant, secure Central Business District.

The area is:

- **Patrolled 24/7** by local law enforcement and private security teams
- Covered by an extensive **CCTV surveillance network**
- Well-lit with modern infrastructure and close to leading hotels and services
- Supported by **on-site security personnel**, trained in event safety and emergency response

A Model of Urban Safety: The Central City Improvement District (CCID)

Cape Town’s Central City Improvement District is a flagship urban safety program, operating a public-private security partnership in the downtown area.

Key features include:

- Over **270 public safety officers** in high-visibility patrols
- Under-5-minute response time to any incident
- Officers equipped with **body-worn cameras** for

transparency and safety

- Additional law enforcement officers with powers of arrest and citation
- Security coverage across **1.6 square kilometres** of the CBD

Result: Since the CCID’s launch in 2000, crime in Cape Town’s Central City has dropped by over **90%** — a remarkable transformation that positions it as the **safest central business district in South Africa**.

Safety Measures That Support International Events

Cape Town and the Western Cape have tailored systems in place to support safe and seamless events:

- **Event-specific security plans** created in collaboration with SAPS and Metro Police
- **Safe, reliable public transport**, including MyCiTi bus routes monitored by security and CCTV
- **Tourism Safety Units** trained to assist international visitors
- Rapid access to **emergency services**, including medical and fire support near key venues

Peace of Mind for Delegates, Confidence for Organizers
From the moment your delegates arrive to the final farewell, Cape Town & the Western Cape offer a controlled and professional security environment, allowing attendees to focus on what matters — meaningful engagement, networking, and knowledge sharing. For more safety information, please visit: www.capetown.travel/travelwise

Western Cape's Approach to Health and Well-being

Cape Town and the Western Cape have a robust healthcare system that meets the needs of both residents and visitors. The province combines advanced clinical facilities with a strong focus on public health, research, and wellness. Technology

Key Points:

- Home to leading public and private hospitals, including teaching and research institutions linked to the University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University.
- Facilities equipped with advanced medical technologies and staffed by experienced specialists.
- Strong emphasis on preventative and community-based healthcare, including immunization, maternal and child health, and chronic disease management.
- Public health programs promote education, early detection, and healthy lifestyles.
- Provincial initiatives support mental health, nutrition, and physical activity, with access to outdoor recreation spaces.
- Ongoing focus on health equity, expanding access to primary healthcare in underserved areas and improving coordination between public and private sectors.

Overall, the Western Cape's healthcare landscape reflects a commitment to clinical excellence, accessibility, and community well-being.

Event Technology and Digital Infrastructure in the Western Cape

The Western Cape offers a strong digital and technological foundation that supports both the business events industry and the broader innovation economy.

Key Points:

- Broadcast-ready venues with high-speed broadband, studio infrastructure, and digital meeting solutions for hybrid and virtual events.

- Experienced event planners and technical teams ensure seamless delivery and audience engagement.
- Recognised as Africa's leading technology hub, with the Cape Town–Stellenbosch corridor housing 450 tech firms and over 40,000 employees.
- Thriving ecosystem of co-working spaces, software developers, edtech companies, and digital skills academies.
- Universities and training institutions actively develop tech talent and create digital learning content for global markets.
- Robust fibre-optic network and over 400 public Wi-Fi zones improve connectivity for residents and businesses.

This integrated digital environment supports innovation, entrepreneurship, and the region's position as a continental technology leader.

Water and Energy Management

Cape Town and the Western Cape have implemented long-term strategies to strengthen resilience in water and energy resources, ensuring sustainability and security.

Key Points:

- Post-2018 drought, the City of Cape Town launched a comprehensive water management strategy featuring groundwater extraction, desalination, and water reuse.
- Demand management initiatives have improved efficiency and reduced reliance on rainfall.
- The region promotes renewable energy development, with growing investment in solar and wind projects.
- Municipalities are enabled to procure electricity from independent power producers, reducing dependence on the national grid.
- Continuous collaboration between government, business, and communities enhances long-term sustainability and resilience.

These initiatives demonstrate the Western Cape's proactive approach to resource management and its commitment to environmental and economic stability.



Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Established in 1913 on the southeastern slopes of Table Mountain, the Gardens span 526 hectares and showcase the Cape Floral Kingdom fynbos boasting more plant diversity than all of Europe combined.

Constantia Winelands

The Western Cape is a historic wine region, with its roots tracing back to Constantia in 1695.

Cape Point

The Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point, part of the Cape Peninsula National Park, feature rich flora and fauna, 150 bird species, and the world's only shellfish-eating baboons. A funicular takes visitors to viewpoints over the meeting of the Benguela and Agulhas currents.

Hout Bay, Chapmans Peak & Camps Bay

Hout Bay, Chapmans Peak, and Camps Bay are iconic Cape Town coastal spots. Hout Bay charms with its fishing village and beaches, Chapmans Peak Drive offers stunning ocean and mountain views, and Camps Bay features a lively beachfront with restaurants and nightlife.

Cape Town International Airport

South Africa's second-busiest airport, welcoming over 10 million passengers annually. Located just 20 km (13 m) northeast of the CBD, it features modern dual terminals, extensive retail and dining, award-winning service, and excellent local and global connectivity.

V&A Waterfront & Robben Island

The V&A is a bustling harbor with Table Mountain views, luxury shopping, dining, entertainment, boat trips, a world-class aquarium, and top hotels. Nearby Robben Island, a World Heritage Site, honors Nelson Mandela and South Africa's struggle for freedom.

City Centre & Bo-Kaap

Cape Town City Centre is a lively hub of restaurants, hotels, and shopping, blending cultural heritage with modern attractions.

Bo-Kaap, with its colorful houses, Cape Malay heritage, and cobblestone streets, offers a unique mix of culture, history, and cuisine.

Table Mountain

Iconic Table Mountain was granted National Park status in 1993. The park offers scenic walks, magnificent views, and rides in a modern cable car with revolving floors. Visitors can also enjoy hiking, climbing, abseiling, and even paragliding.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Cape Town and the Western Cape offers diverse travel options for visitors, making it an accessible and welcoming destination for both leisure and business travellers.

Cape Town International Airport

Cape Town International Airport (CTIA) is Africa's most award-winning airport. As Africa's 3rd largest airport it processes over 8 million passengers annually with over 50% of the country's air passengers passing through the airport. It is the primary airport serving the city of Cape Town. Located approximately 20 kilometres (12 mi) from the city centre, the airport has domestic and international terminals, linked by a common central terminal. The airport offers direct flights from South Africa's other two main urban areas, Johannesburg and Durban, as well as flights to smaller centres in South Africa. Internationally, it offers direct flights to most global hubs and many more via Johannesburg.

By Road

Well-maintained highways provide seamless access for travellers arriving by road.

Public Transport

MyCiTi is Cape Town's safe, reliable, convenient bus system. It is the perfect way to connect with the city and to explore some of what the destination has to offer.

Taxi or e-hailing services

Metered taxis are readily available. Online e-hailing services like Uber and Bolt are also a very popular and convenient way to travel around Cape Town.

Coach

Luxury air-conditioned coaches and shuttle buses usually transport delegates between the airport, hotels, Convention venues and the functions. The city offers an extensive variety of experienced service providers.

Scheduled Tours

Numerous service providers offer a variety of scheduled site-seeing tours for half or full day excursions. In addition, the bright red "Hop-on Hop-off" city sightseeing bus service comes complete with nine multilingual commentary channels. Tickets can be bought on board the bus or online by visiting www.citysightseeing.co.za

Walking

The city is ideal to explore on foot and this is the perfect way to experience the energy and vibrancy of the city.

Train

Cape Town Station is situated within walking distance of most hotels in the city centre. The Metro Rail system connects the city centre with the northern suburbs, southern suburbs and the Cape Flats.

Car Rental

Cape Town offers a wide selection of car rental companies with good road systems. An international driver's license is required, and driving is on the left-hand side of the road.

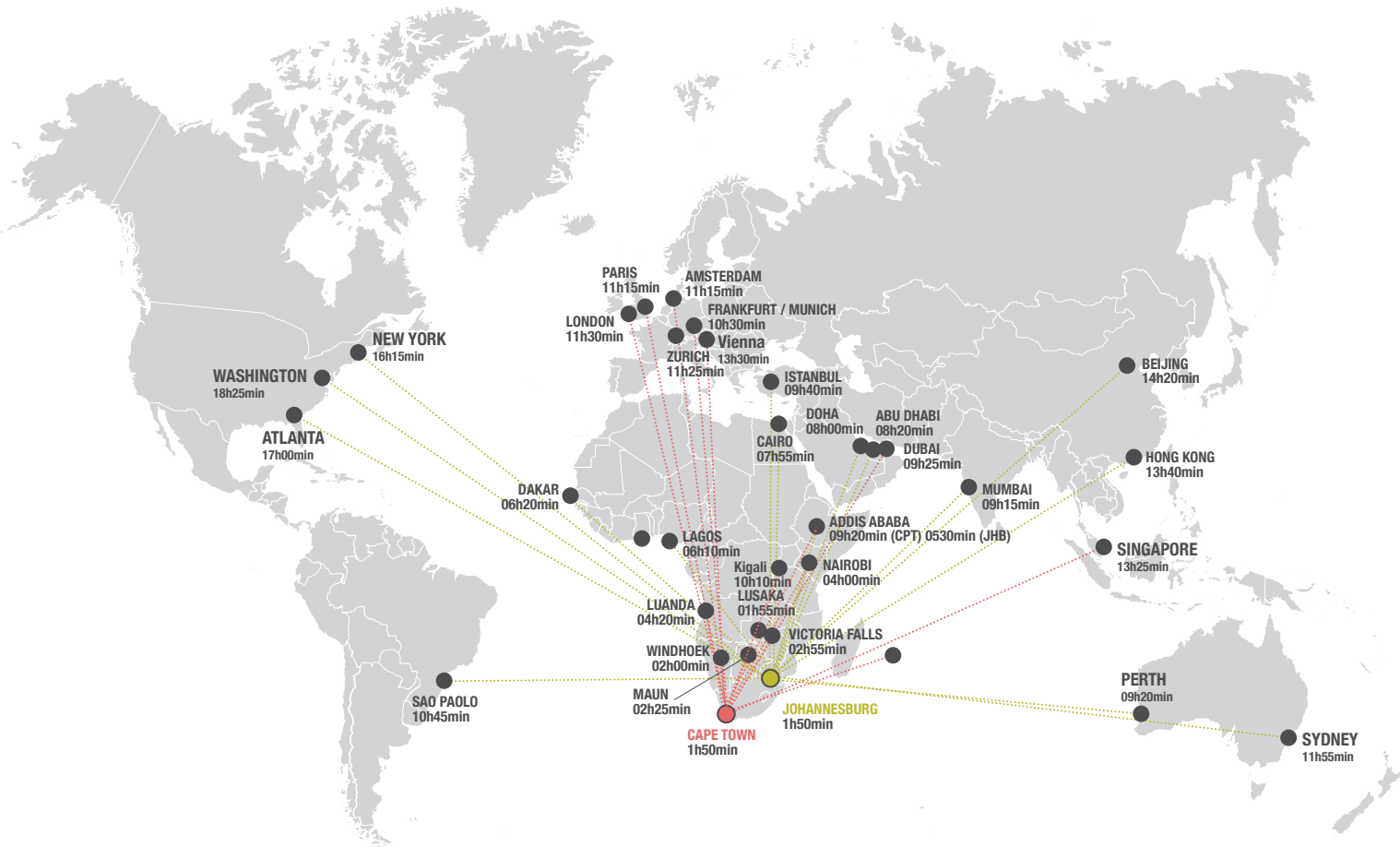
Cycling

The City of Cape Town is working to develop its bicycle infrastructure, and there are a growing number of safe cycling routes and places to ride in the city and its surroundings, as well as a number of bicycle hire shops.

Cruises

Cape Town is a premier cruise destination in Africa, attracting a growing number of international and regional cruise liners each year.

Its modern cruise terminal at the V&A Waterfront offers world-class facilities and seamless passenger services. The city's strategic location, scenic coastline, and diverse tourism offerings make it a sought-after port of call.



Direct Flight Duration

Europe

	Cape Town	Johannesburg
London	11h30	11h
Amsterdam	11h30	11h
Frankfurt	11h30	11h
Munich	11h30	11h
Paris	11h30	11h
Istanbul	11h30	11h
Zurich	11h30	11

USA

	Cape Town	Johannesburg
New York	14h	15h
Washington DC	14h30	
Atlanta	14h30	15h

Australasia

	Cape Town	Johannesburg
Hong Kong		13h
Singapore		10h40
Shenzhen		13h30
Sydney		14h30
Perth		14h

Middle East

	Cape Town	Johannesburg
Dubai	9h40	9h40
Doha	9h45	9h
Abu Dhabi		9h30

South America

	Cape Town	Johannesburg
Sao Paulo	9h	9h

Africa

	Cape Town	Johannesburg
Addis Ababa	7h30	5h30
Nairobi	7h10	4h15
Kigali		3h50
Accra	8h45	7h30
Kinshasa	7h30	
Dar es Saleem		3h40
Windhoek	2h15	2h
Maputo	2h10	1h30
Lusaka	3h30	2h
Harare	3h40	2h
Victoria Falls	4h30	1h45
Lagos		7h
Luanda		3h30
Entebbe		3h30
Cairo		8h20

NOTE:
Connections via Johannesburg will require a 2 hour connecting flight to Cape Town. This route is very well serviced with lots of flight options available.



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Visa Information

South Africa maintains a well-defined and structured visa application process to facilitate the entry of international visitors, including delegates attending professional and scientific congresses. The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) governs all entry regulations, with many nationalities from Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe eligible for visa-free entry for up to 90 days.

Notably, no citizens of any country are prohibited from entering South Africa.

Entry Requirements

Entry requirements for short-term visitors to South Africa may vary depending on the traveller's nationality. It's essential to note that South Africa welcomes visitors from all countries. For comprehensive information, kindly refer to the following link:

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

Here's a general overview:

1. **Visa-Free Countries:** Citizens of many countries are exempt from obtaining a visa for short stays in South Africa for tourism, business, or family visits for up to 90 days within a 180-day period. This includes most European Union countries, the United States, Canada,

Australia, and New Zealand, among others. However, it is important to check the latest information from the South African Department of Home Affairs or the nearest South African embassy or consulate, as visa policies can change over time.

2. **Visa-Required Countries:** Citizens of certain countries are required to obtain a visa before traveling to South Africa, regardless of the purpose of their visit. This includes countries such as India, China, Russia, and many African countries. A visa must be obtained from a South African embassy or consulate in the traveller's home country before departure.
3. **Visa on Arrival:** South Africa does not generally offer visa on arrival to short-term visitors. However, there are some exceptions, such as travellers from certain African countries who may be eligible for a visa on arrival for short stays.
4. **Requirements for Entry:** In addition to obtaining a visa (if required), travellers to South Africa must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining from the date of entry, a return or onward ticket, and proof of sufficient funds to cover their stay in South Africa. They may also be required to provide evidence of accommodation arrangements, a yellow fever vaccination certificate (if traveling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area), and other supporting documents as requested by immigration officials.

5. **Length of Stay:** Short-term visitors are generally allowed to stay in South Africa for up to 90 days within a 180-day period for tourism, business, or family visits. It is important to adhere to the permitted duration of stay and not overstay the allowed period, as it may result in fines, deportation, or future travel restrictions.

It's important to note that immigration policies and requirements can change, and it is always best to check the latest information from the South African Department of Home Affairs or the nearest South African embassy or consulate before making travel arrangements.

Special Arrangement: India & China

The Department of Home Affairs has announced a new preferred visa system to be implemented in January 2025, aimed at attracting more visitors from China and India to South Africa. To facilitate this, Home Affairs will launch the Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) to reduce administrative barriers and make South Africa a more appealing destination for these markets.

Under the TTOS, approved tour operators from China and India will be able to register with the department, enabling them to offer fast-tracked visas to their clients. It is therefore recommended that events expecting significant attendance from these markets consider partnering with an accredited tour operator under this scheme.

In exchange for undergoing thorough screening upfront and assuming responsibility for travellers in their groups, approved tour operators will have their group visa applications processed efficiently by the department. Tourist visa applications processed through TTOS will be handled by a dedicated and skilled team of adjudicators to ensure swift and reliable processing. These applications will also benefit from the removal of restrictive red tape that currently hampers South Africa's tourism potential. For a list of the accredited operators: Department of Home Affairs - Trusted Tour Operator Scheme.

Meets Visa

The Meetings, Events, Exhibitions, and Tourism Scheme (MEETS visa) was announced on July 8, 2025. The new visas are designed to position South Africa as a premier destination for international film production, conferences, and major global events. The MEETS visa category is designed to streamline visa applications for international attendees participating in significant conferences, sporting events, exhibitions, and other large-scale global

gatherings within South Africa. This scheme also features online visa processing and rapid turnaround times, directly addressing the administrative hurdles that often deter international delegates and event organizers. The MEETS visa is expected to significantly boost South Africa's business tourism sector, solidifying its position as an appealing hub for major international events. *Final implementation dates to be confirmed.*

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) & E-Visa

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) is a new system was launched in South Africa in September 2025, specifically designed for short-term tourist visas up to 90 days. The ETA aims to simplify the visa application process, making it more efficient and secure. The South African online eVisa service provides a convenient and secure option to process an eVisa application with the South African Department of Home Affairs. The service provides direct interaction with the department that is responsible to lawfully process and grant eVisas to travellers entering South Africa. The four easy steps makes it possible to provide all the information required and effectively track the status and outcome of your application. Department of Home Affairs - ePermits



CONVENTION VENUE

Cape Town International Convention Centre

For over two decades, the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) has played a pivotal role in Africa's event industry, connecting the continent with global markets through a wide range of business and leisure events. Since its grand opening in 2003, the CTICC has established itself as a world-class events venue, attracting discerning business professionals, industry leaders, and event organizers from across South Africa, Africa, and beyond. At the official opening, former President Thabo Mbeki hailed the CTICC as "a symbol of hope, a reflection of our storied past, a beacon of modernity, and a promise of future prosperity." Today, the CTICC continues to live up to this vision, serving as a dynamic space where ideas come to life.

The CTICC's success is evidenced by the hosting of over 9,300 events, including 756 international events. These span diverse sectors such as agri-processing, medical, property, the green economy, finance and ICT. By offering a hub for these key industries, the CTICC contributes significantly to regional economic growth and global recognition.

Location

Situated in Cape Town's Foreshore district, the CTICC is a short walk from many of the city's most celebrated landmarks, including the V&A Waterfront and Table Mountain, making it a key anchor in the city's urban fabric. It is also a gateway to Cape Town's Central Business District, enhancing its appeal for both local and international visitors. With its proximity to Cape Town International Airport, just 20 minutes away, the centre provides exceptional convenience for global delegates.

Flexible Facilities

The venue spans over 140,000 square metres (150 695 square feet) of flexible event space across two interconnected buildings – CTICC 1 and CTICC 2. These facilities include 10 exhibition halls (totally 21 000 square metres / 226 040 square feet), two auditoriums, 47 breakout rooms, terrace rooms, a grand ballroom, and rooftop venues offering panoramic views of Cape Town's

harbour and Table Mountain. The centre's expansive kitchen, one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere, provides halaal- and kosher-certified catering for up to 30,000 guests. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CTICC demonstrated its versatility by transforming into a fully operational hospital and vaccination centre, addressing urgent community needs. This adaptability, coupled with its robust infrastructure, has solidified the CTICC's reputation as a venue capable of delivering under any circumstances.

Sustainability & Impact

Sustainability is integral to the Cape Town International Convention Centre's (CTICC) operations. As a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and a participant in the Net Zero Carbon Events initiative, the CTICC embeds the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its core activities. This is supported by an environmental task team that guides compliance with international standards and advises on best practices.

Both CTICC 1 and CTICC 2 are designed with sustainability in mind, incorporating natural light, energy-efficient climate control, and resource-saving technologies. Continuous investments in retrofitting have introduced LED lighting, sensor-operated escalators, dual-flush toilets, and advanced building management systems.

Operational resilience is ensured through comprehensive backup power systems, including generators, UPS units, and battery banks, to maintain seamless service during power outages.

The CTICC's sustainability strategy equally prioritises social responsibility. Since 2017, its Local Community Partner (LCP) Programme has supported initiatives in education, health, and skills development. In 2023, the CTICC Cares campaign expanded this impact, collecting and distributing essential goods to local communities. Through these initiatives, the CTICC affirms its commitment to people, planet, and prosperity, leaving lasting positive impacts.



Location

Located at the entrance to the city's central business district, Cape Town Harbour and within close proximity to the well-known V&A Waterfront.



Access

Airport

The CTICC is located 20 kilometres (13 miles) from the Cape Town International Airport with multiple international connections as well as regular flights to Johannesburg for more connections.

Public Transport

The MyCiTi busses stop outside the CTICC and this system is easy to use to connect to the airport and most parts of the city.

Taxis

Taxis are always available outside the CTICC and from the surrounding hotels.



Accommodation

Approximately 4500 hotel bedrooms are available within walking distance with a total of 20 000 available within a 30-minute radius. Cape Town also offers about 10 000 bedrooms via Airbnb.



Parking

The CTICC currently offers over 1520 undercover parking bays with an additional 220 available from the beginning of 2017.



Conference Venues

Total of 62 meeting spaces in CTICC 1 and 2
4 Exhibition Halls in CTICC 1 with a total floor space of 11 399 m² (122 698 f²)

6 Exhibition Halls in CTICC 2 with a total floor space of 9 819m² (105690 f²) to be completed beginning 2017, as well as 3000m² formal and informal meeting space.

Auditorium 1 - seating 1500 delegates

Auditorium 2 - seating 612 delegates

Ballroom seating 1980 delegates

33 meeting rooms in CTICC 1

11 meeting rooms in CTICC 2



Food & Beverage

Cuisine offering

The CTICC offers full service onsite catering and caters for all types of events. No outside caterers are allowed. Per prior arrangement, the CTICC can arrange catering for different religious and dietary food requirements.

There are 2 onsite restaurants.



Technology

A sophisticated IT network with fibre optic backbone, including 2000 CAT5e data points, is located across the exhibition halls, meeting rooms and public spaces. This infrastructure is used to offer a host of technology services, which include secure broadband internet.

Every corner of the CTICC is also covered by separate wireless networks. Remote control touch panels in certain venues allow event organisers to control light levels, blinds, and projection screens.

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the buildings.

Should a power failure occur, emergency back-up generators guarantee an uninterrupted power supply.



Support Services

The CTICC have preferred suppliers for the following:

- Audio Visual.
- Décor.
- Stand & Exhibition Management.
- Security.

Clients are allowed to contract their own suppliers, subject to approval.



Facilities

Onsite:

- Disabled Access.
- Business Service Centre.
- Medi-Clinic.
- Prayer Room.
- Security.
- Tourism Information Desk.

Within 10 minute walking distance

- Gym.
- Convenience stores and other shopping.
- Restaurants and fast food outlets.
- Chemist.
- Doctors.
- Hospitals.



CTICC 1															
Venue	Rentable Area Ref	Floor	Area (m²)	Area (ft²)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	Theatre	Classroom	U-shape	Boardroom	Banquet	Banquet Buffet	Cocktail	Exhibition Booth (3 m x 3 m)
CTICC 1 AUDITORIUM ROOMS															
Auditorium 1	Room 1, 10	1	1 170	12 593	47.0	Splayed	16.0	1 516	1 516						
Auditorium 2	Room 1,80	1	490	5 274	31.0	15.8	8.0	612	612						
Auditorium Foyer	Auditorium Foyer	1	700	7 534	13.6	40	3.5								
CTICC 1 BALLROOMS															
Ballroom East	Room 1, 20	1	1 064	11 452	38.0	28.0	8.0	1 080	790			740	540	816	
Ballroom West	Room 1, 20	1	812	8 740	29.0	28.0	8.0	840	528			540	490	576	
Full Ballroom	Room 1, 20	1	1 876	20 193	67.0	28.0	8.0	1 980	1 296			1 300	1 190	1 392	
CTICC 1 MEETING ROOMS															
Boardroom Room	Room 1, 30	1	73	785	9.3	7.9	3.3				20				
Meeting Room	Room 1, 40	1	375	4 036	23.4	16.0	4.0	330	220	69	84	220	180	280	
Meeting (x4)	Room 1, 41 – 1, 44	1	75	807	9.4	8.0	4.0	60	90	24	30	50	40	64	
Meeting Suites (x5)	Room 1, 51 – 1, 55	1	35	376	7.9	4.5	3.3	24	18	15	18	20	10	20	
Meeting Room	Room 1, 60	1	375	4 036	23.4	16.0	4.0	330	220	69	84	220	180	280	
Meeting Room (x4)	Room 1, 61 – 1, 64	1	75	807	9.4	8.0	4.0	60	90	24	30	50	40	64	
Meeting Suites (x4)	Room 1, 71 – 1, 74	1	24/35	269/376	5.5/7.9	4.5	3.3	24	18	15	18	20	10	20	
Meeting Suite (x3)	Room 1, 91 – 1, 93	1	25/35	269/376	5.5/7.9	4.5/5.0	3.3	24	18	15	18	20	10	20	
Meeting Room 2,40	Room 2, 40	2	375	4 036	23.4	16.0	4.0	330	220	69	84	220	180	280	
Meeting Room (x6)	Room 2, 41 – 2, 46	2	50	538	9.4	5.4	4.0	30	90	24	30	50	40	64	
Meeting Room 2,60	Room 2, 60	2	375	4 036	23.4	16.0	4.0	330	220	69	84	220	180	280	
Meeting Room (x6)	Room 2, 61 – 2, 66	2	50	538	9.4	5.4	4.0	30	90	24	30	50	40	64	

CTICC 1															
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CTICC 1 ROOF TERRACE															
Roof Terrace Room	Room 2,80	2	370	3 962	25.0	14.8	4.2	380	220	69	60	190	180	304	
Roof Terrace Foyer	Inside	2	180	1 937	15.0	12.0	4.2	150	74	33	48	100	70	100	
Roof Terrace Balcony	Outside	2	147	1 582	21.0	7.0	6.7	140						96	
CTICC 1 EXHIBITION HALLS															
Exhibition Hall	Hall 1A	0	1 032	11 108	34.5	29.9	10.0 – 18.0	1 000	770			800	560	780	49
Exhibition Hall	Hall 1B	0	997	10 731	34.5	28.9	10.0 – 18.0	950	730			750	560	780	48
Exhibition Hall	Hall 2	0	2 118	22 798	63.6	33.3	10.0 – 18.0	2 000	1 500			1 600	1 530	1 620	132
Exhibition Hall	Hall 3	0	2 258	24 307	67.8	33.3	10.0 – 18.0	2 200	1 690			1 800	1 440	1 680	141
Exhibition Hall	Hall 4A	0	2 982	32 098	71.5	41.7	10.0 – 18.0	2 400	1 850			2 000	2 080	2 224	186
Exhibition Hall	Hall 4B	0	1 267	13 637	70	18.1	9	1 000	770			800	540	972	70
Full Exhibition Centre	Hall 1 – 4B	0	11 399	122 698	341.9	58.7 – 71.5	9.0 – 18.0	9 500	7 720			6 100	7 030	8 244	746
CTICC 1 MISCELLANEOUS															
Registration Foyer	Registration Foyer	0	315	3 390	21.0	15.0	4.0	300	200	100	120	120	150	272	
Clivia Conservatory	Clivia Conservatory	0	252	2 712	18.0	14.0	17.0					120	100	164	
Jasminum Restaurant	Jasminum Restaurant	0	315	3 390	21.0	15.0	4.3					250	220	252	
Jasminum Conservatory	Jasminum Conservatory	0	294	3 164	21.0	14.0	17.0							244	
Strelitzia Restaurant	Strelitzia Restaurant	0	315	3 390	21.0	15.0	4.3					250	220	252	
Strelitzia Conservatory	Strelitzia Conservatory	0	285	3 067	19.0	14.0	17.0					160	120	244	

CTICC 1															
Venue	Rentable Area Ref	Floor	Area (m²)	Area (ft²)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	Theatre	Classroom	U-shape	Boardroom	Banquet	Banquet Buffet	Cocktail	Exhibition Booth (3 m x 3 m)
Green Room	Green Room	0		N/A											
VIP Rooms 1/2	VIP Rooms 1/3	0	60	645	9.5	6.35	2.10								
Storage Room	Storage Room	0	38	409	7.7	5.0	3.20								
Landing	Landing	1	104	1 119	12.3	8.47	1.8								
Marshalling Yard	Marshalling Yard	0	6 110	65 767	130.0	47.0 – 54.8									
Lounge	Lounge	1	165	1 776	31.8	5.2									
Main Entrance Foyer	Main Entrance Foyer	0	775	8 342	48.9	16.9									
Art Landing 1st Floor	Art Landing 1st Floor														
Art Landing 2nd Floor	Floor Art Landing 2nd Floor														

CTICC 2															
Venue	Rentable Area Ref	Floor	Area (m²)	Area (ft²)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	Theatre	Classroom	U-shape	Boardroom	Banquet	Banquet Buffet	Cocktail	Exhibition Booth (3 m x 3 m)
CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALLS															
Exhibition Hall	Hall 5	0	1 569	16 889	53.88	28.47	9.00	1 387	1 050			720	620	1 196	65
Exhibition Hall	Hall 6	0	1 782	19 181	53.88	32.80	9.00	1 722	1 260			840	760	1 344	92
Exhibition Hall	Hall 7	0	1 586	17 072	53.88	28.54	9.00	1 386	1 050			720	620	1 196	60
Exhibition Halls	Hall 5 & 6	0	3 351	36 070	53.88	61.27	9.00	3 150	2 619			1 680	1 430	2 584	147
Exhibition Halls	Hall 6 & 7	0	3 368	36 253	53.88	61.34	9.00	3 144	2 613			1 680	1 430	2 476	157
Exhibition Halls	Hall 5, 6 & 7	0	4 937	53 141	53.88	89.81	9.00	4 788	3 981			2 520	2 310	3 728	210
Exhibition Hall	Hall 8	2	1 468	15 801	53.92	36.97	10.00	1 344	864			720	780	1 152	
Exhibition Hall	Hall 8.1	2	313	3 369	17.00	18.11	10.00	220	144			120	160	224	
Exhibition Hall	Hall 8.2	2	314	3 380	17.45	18.11	10.00	220	144			120	160	224	
Exhibition Hall	Hall 8.3	2	352	3 789	19.07	18.11	10.00	264	180			160	160	224	
Exhibition Hall	Hall 9	2	1 944	20 925	53.92	35.86	10.00	1 890	1 248			960	1040	1 536	103
Exhibition Hall	Hall 10 - Ballroom / Banqueting	2	1 489	16 027	53.92	27.07	10.00	1 386	960			720	780	1 152	70
Exhibition Halls	Hall 8 & 9	2	3 412	36 726	54.00	62.62	10.00	3 276	2 304			1 800	2 080	2 484	154
Exhibition Halls	Hall 9 & 10	2	3 433	36 953	54.00	62.93	10.00	3 398	2 304			1 680	2 080	2 484	164
Exhibition Halls	Hall 8, 9 & 10	2	4 901	52 754	54.00	89.69	10.00	4 830	3 672			2 520	3 750	3 988	216
CTICC 2 MEETING ROOMS															
Meeting Room	Pincushion	1	147	1 582	12.60	8.60	2.8				24				
Meeting Room	Aloe	1	40	431	9.44	4.54	2.8				12				
Meeting Room	Arum	1	41	441	6.73	6.12	2.7				12				
Meeting Room	Disa	1	45	484	6.04	7.54	2.7				12				

CTICC 2															
Venue	Rentable Area Ref	Floor	Area (m²)	Area (ft²)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	Theatre	Classroom	U-shape	Boardroom	Banquet	Banquet Buffet	Cocktail	Exhibition Booth (3 m x 3 m)
CTICC 2 MEETING PODS															
Meeting Pod	Nerina	1	137	1 475	14.88	11.08	4.9	124	96	27	36	50	60	92	65
Meeting Pod	Protea	1	229	2 465	16.05	15.03	4.9	204	189	42	54	110	130	160	92
Meeting Pod	Nerina + Protea	1	366	3 940	30.93	26.11	4.9	337	306	72	84	200	190	252	60
Meeting Pod	Daisy	2	179	1 927	16.19	11.80	3.15	146	126	39	48	60	80	112	147
Meeting Pod	Freesia	2	146	1 572	14.88	10.99	3.15	136	111	36	48	60	60	108	157
Meeting Pod	Orchid	2	161	1 733	16.14	10.77	3.15	156	129	39	48	80	80	120	210
Meeting Pod	Daisy + Freesia	2	325	3 498	31.07	22.79	3.15	281	231	72	78	160	180	224	
Meeting Pod	Freesia + Orchid	2	307	3 305	31.02	21.76	3.15	300	225	60	66	170	180	228	
Meeting Pod	Daisy + Freesia + Orchid	2	486	5 231	47.21	33.56	3.15	478	381	96	108	250	280	336	
CTICC 2 MISCELLANEOUS															
Terrace Room	Watsonia	3	206	2 217	16.33	13.41	3.13	196	168	42	54	110	110	128	
Terrace Room	Bluebell	3	192	2 067	16.30	13.29	3.13	183	156	42	54	110	110	144	
Terrace Room	Watsonia + Bluebell	3	398	4 284	32.63	26.7	3.15	380	327	81	90	240	230	264	
Terrace	Bluebell Terrace	3	201	2 174	15.20	14.01									
Harbour View		4	222	2 389	17.36	12.2								140	
Mountain View		4	561	6 038	18.55	24.12								216	
Marshalling Yard	Marshalling Yard	0	1 267	13 638											
Lobby	Lobby	1	29	312	9.60	3.10	2.8								
Lobby	Lobby	1	43	388	4.40	9.80	2.8								



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ACCOMMODATION

Cape Town and the Western Cape are renowned global destinations, offering visitors outstanding accommodation choices across all travel profiles. The city boasts approximately 16,000 formal 3-, 4-, and 5-star hotel rooms, with most hotels located in the City Bowl, V&A Waterfront, and Atlantic Seaboard, all within close proximity to major conference venues and attractions.

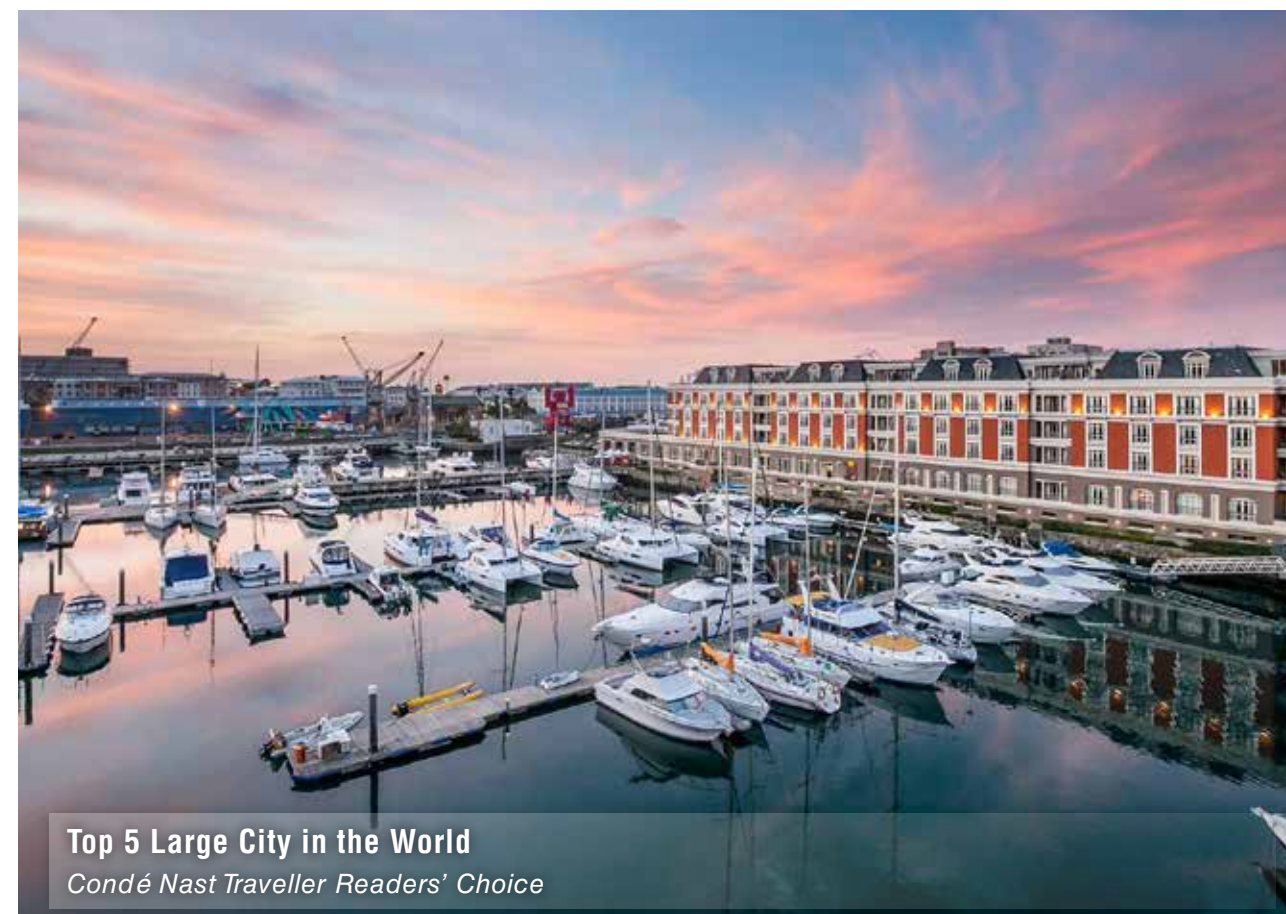
Accommodation options include:

- International hotel brands, popular with global corporate and MICE travellers
- Leading South African hotel groups, known for personalised hospitality and local expertise
- Affordable business hotels and budget-friendly options, meeting the needs of cost-conscious delegates without compromising on quality

- Deluxe boutique hotels, serviced apartments, and charming B&Bs, offering authentic Cape Town character and exclusivity

Additionally, Cape Town has a large inventory of approximately 21 000 short-term listings, available via online accommodation platforms such as Airbnb, providing flexibility, variety, and unique neighbourhood-based stays to suit all budgets and preferences.

This diverse, high-quality accommodation landscape ensures that Cape Town is fully equipped to host global events, delivering comfort, convenience, and an exceptional South African hospitality experience for every delegate.



Top 5 Large City in the World
Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice



Current Hotel Availability (June 2025)

Distance from: CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (CTICC)	5 Star	4 Star	3 Star	TOTAL
Within 2km / 1.2mi radius	881	5046	1538	7465
Within 5km / 3.1mi radius	1743	1703	162	3608
Within 10km / 6.2mi radius	266	2136	841	3243
>10km / 6.2mi radius	172	588	590	1350
				15 666

Distance from: CENTURY CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE (CCCC)	5 Star	4 Star	3 Star	TOTAL
Within 2km / 1.2mi radius	118	274	175	
Within 5km / 3.1mi radius				
Within 10km / 6.2mi radius	881	5046	1538	
>10km / 6.2mi radius	1743	1703	162	
				15 666

- Notes:
- Above room inventory for 3-, 4- and 5-star categories includes only current formal hotel properties.
 - Excludes all guesthouses and B&B establishments, and Cape Town offers a large number of outstanding and rated guesthouses and B&B alternatives, which are a popular choice for delegates.
 - A number of companies also manage apartment and holiday home rentals and this is a popular option

for delegates who require more flexibility. Currently, Airbnb, the global accommodation booking and sharing platform, has over 20 000 rooms available in its inventory for Cape Town.

- Various budget accommodation options are available in 2-star hotel options, short-term holiday apartment rentals, guesthouses and university residences during holiday periods.

AVERAGE ACCOMMODATION RATES WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO KEY CONVENTION CENTRES (CTICC & CCCC)

Deluxe (5 Star)	High Season (Oct-Apr) R6000 – R8000 Low Season (May-Sept) R4500 – R6000	High Season (Oct-Apr) \$335 – \$445 Low Season (May-Sept) \$250 – \$335
Superior (4 Star)	High Season (Oct-Apr) R3000 – R4500 Low Season (May-Sept) R2500 – R4000	High Season (Oct-Apr) \$165 – \$250 Low Season (May-Sept) \$140 – \$225
Standard (3 Star)	High Season (Oct-Apr) R2000 – 3000 Low Season (May-Sept) R1500 – R2500	High Season (Oct-Apr) \$110 – \$165 Low Season (May-Sept) \$85 – \$140
Economy (2 Star)	High Season (Oct-Apr) R1000 – R1800 Low Season (May-Sept) R850 – R1200	High Season (Oct-Apr) \$55 – \$100 Low Season (May-Sept) \$50 – \$70

- Notes:
- The above rates are for reference purposes only, as specific hotel rates will be subject to specific dates.
 - Rates include 15% Value Added Tax (VAT), but exclude 1% Tourism Tax.
 - Relevant congress rates and conditions to apply. The US Dollar (\$) rates are based on the exchange rate of \$1:R17 (June 2026) and are for reference purposes only.



SUGGESTED SOCIAL EVENTS

Cape Town and the Western Cape is an exotic, vibrant, and multi-cultural destination, with a fascinating history that inspires truly unforgettable social programmes for any business event.

Delegates can look forward to world-class cuisine, award-winning local wines, and unique entertainment — all delivered with authentic African warmth and infused with the region's distinctive flavours and cultural richness.

Rainbow Nation Street Party

Celebrate the soul of South Africa with a spectacular Rainbow Nation Street Party. Guests are welcomed into a lively market square alive with stalls, vendors, bistros, and restaurants offering the full spectrum of Cape flavours — from aromatic Cape Malay curries and traditional African grills to classic Afrikaner desserts. Informal seating at rustic wooden tables or café-style settings enhances the festive atmosphere.

A carnival of colour unfolds as traditional Cape street minstrels with painted faces and vibrant costumes fill the evening with music, dance, and joyous celebration. The grand finale on the market square echoes Cape Town's famous New Year's Eve festivities, providing delegates with an unforgettable immersion into the city's rich cultural diversity.

Under the African Sky

Let delegates experience Africa's true spirit under starlit skies. With Cape Town's moderate climate and breathtaking outdoor venues — from historic wine farms to vast open spaces within the city — the stage is set for an authentic African evening. Guests are welcomed

by rhythmic drummers, larger-than-life African puppets, and powerful local choirs. As the sun sets in hues of gold and crimson, the air fills with the aromas of African-inspired cuisine. This is an evening that resonates deeply, creating memories delegates will speak about long after the congress ends.

Cape Malay Themed Dinner

Immerse delegates in Cape Town's rich Cape Malay heritage with an evening of sensory delight. Guests will savour fragrant curries, samoosas, and traditional bobotie in a vibrant setting inspired by the colourful Bo-Kaap. The soulful rhythms of Cape Malay musicians and captivating storytelling and dance weave a cultural tapestry, ensuring an authentic, inspiring, and memorable congress evening.

Formal Historical Gala Dinner

For an evening of elegance and history, Cape Town's impressive colonial-era venues provide the perfect backdrop. Guests will dine on dishes inspired by the Cape's European ancestors, surrounded by grand architecture and heritage, creating a formal gala dinner that is both sophisticated and steeped in timeless Cape tradition.

Dinner in the Winelands

Cape Town's historic Winelands offer an unparalleled setting for an exclusive dinner experience. Nestled among rolling vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads, these estates accommodate groups of all sizes with bespoke menus and curated experiences. Whether a grand gala under oak trees or an intimate dinner in historic cellars, the Winelands promise delegates a magical evening infused with South African heritage and world-renowned wines.



TOURS

Day Tours

The Western Cape is unusually rich in diversity and offers a host of activities for visitors. Apart from sightseeing, shopping markets and high-end brands and visiting iconic World Heritage sites and beaches, the Western Cape also offers a wealth of cultural heritage, like food and wine, and is a favourite destination for adventurous activities such as rock-climbing and cycling. The largest timed cycle tour in the world takes place here every year and there is a cycle tour between Cape Town and Knysna, on the Garden Route, for the truly adventurous.

Cape Point

Cape Point is the southernmost tip of the Cape Peninsula. The drive takes you via Chapmans Peak past steep mountains, secluded coves, beaches, villages and fishing communities. At Cape Point visit the Cape of Good Hope nature reserve – home of fynbos species found nowhere else in the world and a variety of wildlife including baboons, rhebok, Cape Mountain zebra, bontebok and the elusive eland. Return via the historical Simonstown naval base.

Panoramic Cape Town City Tour

Visit the Castle, the oldest building in South Africa, then move on to another historic area of the city, the Cape Malay quarter situated on the slopes of Signal Hill. Imbibe its rich spiritual, musical and culinary heritage before diving down into the city centre itself. Drive along Adderley Street, the lively centre of town, past the historic Groote Kerk and St. George's Cathedral, the Anglican Diocese of Nobel peace laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Robben Island

Famous Robben Island, whose prison was once home to former South African president Nelson Mandela as well as many other black political freedom fighters, is now a World Heritage Site and provides stunning views across the bay with Table Mountain as its backdrop. A trip to the island is an unforgettable experience and offers a glimpse into the life and times of the apartheid era. Daily tours to the island, that take approximately 3 hours, include the ferry trip there and back, an island tour and a tour of the prison with a former political prisoner as your guide.

Table Mountain

A cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain, a World Heritage Site, is a highlight of any Cape Town visit. The cableway takes you to the summit in under ten minutes whilst rotating gondolas ensure a 360-degree view of Cape Town and Table Bay. At the top stroll along 2km of pathways and enjoy magnificent views from over 12 viewing sites and decks. Facilities on the mountain include a self-service restaurant, bistro, and a shop selling gifts and curios.

Winelands Tour

A visit to the Cape Winelands is an absolute must as the region is one of breathtaking vistas and majestic mountain backdrops while being steeped in rich culture and history. Rolling vineyards and quaint Cape Dutch homesteads await you, as well as award-winning wine farms offering some of the country's best wines. Within an hour's drive from the city centre, most popular and well-known regions are Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, Wellington, Paarl. The Constantia Valley is just a 10-minute drive from the city centre.

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens

The beautiful Kirstenbosch gardens cover an area of 528 hectares with 36 hectares of cultivated garden. The gardens are a celebration of South African flora – showcasing only indigenous South African plants. Fynbos, proteas, cycads and rolling lawns are intermingled with streams and ponds and well-laid out pathways for easy walking.

Cultural Tours

A visit to one of the many townships surrounding the city is an experience that will open your eyes to the way in which the biggest portion of Cape Town's population lives. Take a township tour of Langa, the oldest township in South Africa or vibrant Khayelitsha, the second largest township in South Africa. Township tours will usually be co-led by a resident in the area, showcase local industry and community projects and include a visit to a township bar or 'shebeen'.



Pre & Post Tours in Southern Africa

South Africa is a long-haul destination for most international delegates so it makes sense to combine a trip to South Africa with a visit to one or more of the magnificent destinations that are on offer. From the

elegance and historicity of the Cape winelands to the cross-country romance of steam-train travel and the wilderness of safari – to the bushland adventures beyond South Africa's borders, the options are many and varied.

Western Cape

Garden Route & Klein Karoo

The tour visits the famed Garden Route, with a dramatic and spectacular coastline of cliffs interspersed with endless golden beaches, huge natural lagoons, and thick indigenous coastal forests. Inland there are mountain passes and desert scenery and the famed Cango caves, as well as the Addo Elephant National Park with its large elephant herds.



Garden Route & Klein Karoo

Cape Winelands

The Cape Winelands are situated east of Cape Town among beautiful mountains creating some stunning vistas. The region is steeped in culture and history with some excellent examples of typical Dutch architecture dating back to the 17th century. The Winelands encompass several regions each with their own wine tasting tours. The most popular towns include Stellenbosch (which is closest to Cape Town), Franschhoek, Wellington, and Paarl.



Cape Winelands

Cape West Coast (Weskus)

The West Coast is an acquired taste-endless windswept beaches, hardy coastal scrub, low horizons, and big skies broken only by dirt roads and distant mountains hiding lush vineyards. From late July to early September, the West Coast National Park bursts into colour with spring flowers. Adventure seekers can dive into water sports like angling, surfing, sailing, kite-boarding, and windsurfing, or explore the land by hiking and horse-riding.



Cape West Coast (Weskus)

Cape Karoo

The Cape Karoo's windmill-dotted landscapes feel like movie sets—poetic, timeless, and the perfect escape. Discover Khoi and Xam rock art in Nelspoort, explore Anglo-Boer War graves and battle routes near Prince Albert, or trace Smuggler's Route near Laingsburg. For a wilder adventure, head to the Karoo National Park to encounter the famous Kgalagadi lions with their striking dark manes.



Cape Karoo

Cape Overberg

A short one-hour drive from Cape Town over the spectacular Sir Lowry's Pass lies the magnificent mountain ranges, fynbos (Cape Flora), rolling wheat and canola fields, and coastal towns of the Cape Overberg. Its coastlines are spectacular and famous for whale watching. People flock here from across the globe to watch the whales and the town of Hermanus is home to the only whale crier in the world. The adventurous get their kicks in a variety of activities, shark-cage diving, deep-sea fishing, abseiling and quad-biking- but there are also gentle back roads and the Hermanus Wine Route to explore.



Cape Overberg

South Africa

Safari

South Africa is one of the top safari destinations in the world offering a large number of private game reserves as well as being home to one of the biggest game reserves in the world, the acclaimed Kruger National Park. In addition to the Kruger National Park and the surrounding luxury Private Game Reserves, a wide selection of other Safari options are also available in the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Northern Cape areas.

Sun City

Only 2-hours drive from Johannesburg, Sun City is a vibrant mix of entertainment, watersports, golf, gambling and family fun – a lush and tropical fantasyland deep in the African bushveld. Renowned for its concerts and extravaganzas, Sun City offers four different hotels to choose from, from affordable family fun to the height of luxury. This, combined with exhilarating game viewing at the adjacent Pilanesberg National Park makes for a truly memorable holiday experience.

Luxury Trains

Luxury train journeys and holidays make for a different and exciting way to experience South Africa. From the romance of steam travel on Rovos Rail to an overnight stay on the legendary Blue Train there is no grander way to traverse the country. Premier Classe offers a more affordable option.



KwaZulu-Natal

Durban is one of the fastest-growing urban areas in the world. Its port is the busiest in South Africa and also one of the 10 largest in the world. Durban is blessed with balmy weather all year round, and a beachfront bordered by 5-star hotels and apartments, making it a perfect holiday paradise. A short flight takes you to the historic city of Pietermaritzburg, gateway to the Natal Midlands and the charming Drakensberg resorts.

Johannesburg

The city is affectionately known as “Jo’burg”, “Jozi” and “JHB” by South Africans. Johannesburg has not traditionally been known as a tourist destination, but the city is a transit point for connecting flights to Cape Town, Durban, and the Kruger National Park. This vibrant and modern African city, offering excellent infrastructure, hotels and a melting pot of cultural experiences is well worth a visit.

Eastern Cape

South Africa’s ‘wild’ province, the Eastern Cape features expanses of untouched beach, bush and forest. This was Nelson Mandela’s home province, and is an area with some enticing attractions – among them the Addo Elephant National Park, with the densest elephant population in the world; the dramatic Wild Coast; and, of course, Mandela’s home at Qunu.



Neighbouring Countries

From the spectacular Victoria Falls on the Zambia/Zimbabwe border, considered by many to be among the 7 Natural Wonders of the World, to the Okavango Delta in Botswana, a vast wetland in the Kalahari desert, or the vast open spaces of Namibia, South Africa’s neighbours offer unforgettable tours for game viewing and just experiencing the wonders of unspoiled Africa. But if the bushveld holds no appeal, you can opt to visit instead an Indian Ocean island. Whether it’s the Seychelles with its stunning beaches or magical Mauritius with its

pampered five star luxury or the outdoor adventure and French culture of Reunion or the underwater coral reefs of the Bazaruto archipelago in Mozambique, all are easily in reach of South Africa as affordable and extraordinary tropical getaways. Not to be overlooked are South Africa’s tiny, landlocked neighbours, Eswatini, one of the few remaining executive monarchies in Africa, and Lesotho, aka The Mountain Kingdom, offering rugged landscapes and overwhelming friendliness.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT

About Wesgro

Wesgro is the official Tourism, Trade, and Investment Promotion Agency for Cape Town and the Western Cape. The agency serves as the first point of contact for both foreign investors and local businesses, playing a pivotal role in driving economic growth and positioning the region for success in a competitive global economy.

Role and Mandate

As a key member of the broader economic leadership team for Cape Town and the Western Cape, Wesgro is proudly South African and committed to creating a globally competitive regional economy.

Wesgro's mandate is to:

- Position Cape Town and the Western Cape as a leading regional economy.
- Attract and facilitate foreign and domestic investment.
- Increase exports of goods and services from the Western Cape.
- Grow leisure tourism and business events in both international and local markets.
- Evolve as a future-fit, relevant, and trusted Tourism, Trade, and Investment Promotion Agency (TTIPA).

Organisational Structure

Wesgro is a publicly funded agency overseen by a private-sector Board and staffed by over 100 professionals. The agency operates at the intersection of:

- Government and Private Sector.
- Present and Future Economies.
- Local and Global Stakeholders.

Core Focus Areas

Wesgro's core activities include:

- Investment Promotion & Facilitation.

- Trade Promotion & Facilitation.
- Tourism Promotion & Facilitation.
- Marketing & Innovation.

Strategic Projects

Wesgro leads and manages several strategic initiatives to stimulate regional growth and development, including:

- Edu Invest – Facilitating investment in the Western Cape's education sector.
- Cruise Cape Town – Driving the development of the cruise tourism economy.
- Cape Town Air Access – Expanding air connectivity to support trade and tourism growth.
- InvestSA One Stop Shop – Providing a streamlined service platform for investors entering the South African market.

For more information, please visit: www.wesgro.co.za

Bestcities Global Alliance

Cape Town is a member of the BestCities Global Alliance. Dedicated to excellence, this alliance of 13 cities is committed to setting new standards for business events.

The collective reach of this global community, combined with a culture of open knowledge exchange, empowers partners and clients to create sustainable event experiences that leave a lasting, positive impact.

Founded on the principles of collaboration and shared growth, the alliance believes that the world prospers when communities come together, work together, and share generously.

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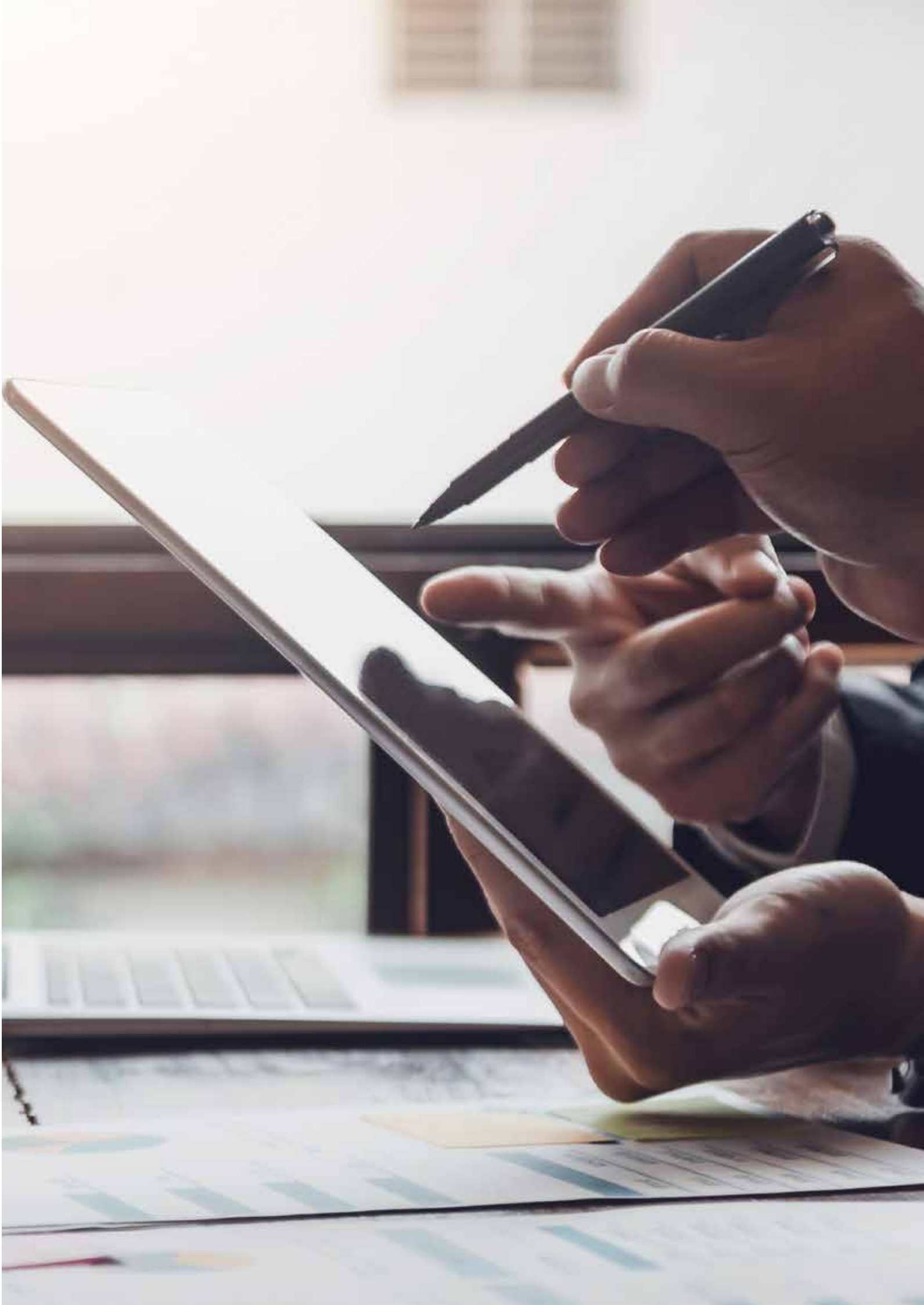


CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IUCR 2032

PROVISIONAL BUDGET

Number of delegates 1500
Exchange rate (at May 2026) 1ZAR = USD 17

Income	Forecast	
Item	ZAR	USD
Registration fees (incl catering and refreshments)	15875000	933824
Commercial sponsorship and exhibition sales	3550000	208824
Convention bureau grant	1000000	58824
Congress Dinner	560000	32941
Total	20985000	1234412
Expenses	Forecast	
Item	ZAR	USD
Venue	4500000	264706
Technical Services (AV and wifi)	1520000	89412
Catering	4725000	277941
Social events - welcome function	955000	56176
Social events - congress dinner	600000	35294
Program & conference materials	430000	25294
Administration	1032000	60706
Marketing Promotion	245000	14412
Delegate Services	280000	16471
Student Scholarship Program	932000	54824
PCO Management fees	4863300	286076
Exhibition	195000	11471
Total	20277300	1192782
Summary	ZAR	USD
Total Income	20985000	1234412
Total Expenses	20277300	1192782
Expected surplus	707700	41629



PREVIOUS CONGRESSES HOSTED IN THE REGION

500-1000 Delegates

2003	International Mineral Processing Congress	600 x delegates
2004	ICCA Congress incorporating the ICCA General Assembly	600 x delegates
2004	Meeting of the International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists	600 x delegates
2004	General Assembly of the World Blind Union	800 x delegates
2005	General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission	1000 x delegates
2005	World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness	800 x delegates
2006	Annual Conference of the International Fertilizer Industry Association	900 x delegates
2006	Assembly of the Global Environment Facility	900 x delegates
2006	Conference of the International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades	500 x delegates
2006	International Conference on Coordination Chemistry	600 x delegates
2006	World Anthropological Union	1000 x delegates
2007	African Regional Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease	500 x delegates
2007	Information Security Forum's Annual World Congress	600 x delegates
2007	World Public Relations Forum	500 x delegates
2008	Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial	550 x delegates
2008	International Congress of Biomechanics	800 x delegates
2009	International Fujianese Fellowship Conference	1000 x delegates
2009	International Conference on Life Cycle Management	700 x delegates
2009	Meeting of the International College of Prosthodontists	700 x delegates
2010	Global Scrum Gathering	1000 x delegates
2010	International Conference on Software Engineering	900 x delegates
2010	International Youth Nuclear Congress	290 x delegates
2010	SciDataCon International Conference on Data Sharing and Integration for Global Sustainability	800 x delegates
2011	Congress of the World Federation of Interventional and Therapeutic Neuroradiology	1000 x delegates
2011	World Federation for Mental Health Biennial Congress	800 x delegates
2012	Understanding Risk Forum	500 x delegates
2012	World Down Syndrome Congress	550 x delegates
2013	Annual Conference of the Principles for Responsible Investment	4000 x delegates
2013	Annual General Meeting of the International Air Transport Association	700 x delegates
2013	Commonwealth Law Conference	900 x delegates
2013	International Conference on Engineering Education	800 x delegates
2013	International Symposium on Dental Hygiene	700 x delegates
2013	World Clean Air Congress	500 x delegates
2014	International Conference of the International Bartenders Association	600 x delegates
2014	Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation Workshop and Symposium	200 x delegates
2015	IEA International Research Conference	500 x delegates
2015	International CIGRE Symposium	800 x delegates
2015	International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Annual Meeting	700 x delegates
2015	International World Congress of the Labour and Employment Relations Association	1000 x delegates

2015	World Congress on Developmental Origins of Health and Disease	800 x delegates
2015	World Pharmacology Poultry Congress	1000 x delegates
2015	International Women Playwrights Conference	1000 x delegates
2016	Annual Meeting of the International Society for Behavioural Nutrition and Physical Activity, 500 delegates	500 x delegates
2016	International Nursing Research Congress	900 x delegates
2016	The Consumer Goods Forum Global Summit	900 x delegates
2016	World Congress of the World Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	1000 x delegates
2016	World Plumbing Conference	400 x delegates
2017	Convention of the International Confederation of School Principals	1000 x delegates
2017	International Heavy Haul Association	800 x delegates
2017	Scientific Assembly of the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean	1000 x delegates
2017	Scientific Assembly of the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences	1000 x delegates
2019	African Conference on Sanitation and Hygiene	1000 x delegates
2019	African Insurance Conference and General Assembly	900 x delegates
2019	Digital Solutions Cooperative (DSCOOP)	1500 x delegates
2019	IATA Slot Conference	900 x delegates
2019	Meeting of the International Association of Pancreatology	1000 x delegates
2019	World Conference of International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA)	1500 x delegates
2020	Asian Racing Conference	700 x delegates
2022	International Conference on Electromagnetics in Advanced Applications	800 x delegates
2023	Annual IAFFE Conference on Feminist Economics	800 x delegates
2023	International Cartographic Conference	800 x delegates
2023	International Conference on Animal Genetics	500 x delegates
2023	Round Table International World Meeting	800 x delegates
2023	World Congress of the International Health Economics Association	1000 x delegates
2024	International Child Neurology Congress	850 x delegates
2024	International Marine Conservation Congress	800 x delegates
2024	World Congress on Project Management	600 x delegates

1000-2500 Delegates

2004	Meetings of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers	2000 x delegates
2005	World Conference on Computers in Education	2000 x delegates
2006	Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion	2100 x delegates
2007	Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals	1500 x delegates
2007	World News Media Congress	1500 x delegates
2008	International Forum on Women's Rights and Development	1800 x delegates
2008	World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities	1500 x delegates
2008	Wharton Global Forum	1500 x delegates
2009	IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium	2000 x delegates
2010	Final Draw for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™	2000 x delegates
2010	13th World Congress on Medical Informatics	2000 x delegates
2010	International Congress of Actuaries	1500 x delegates
2010	IEEE International Conference on Communications	1400 x delegates
2010	World Congress of the International Union of Food Science and Technology	1700 x delegates

2011	62nd International Astronautical Congress	2000 x delegates
2011	International Astronautical Congress	2500 x delegates
2011	World Congress of Education International	1700 x delegates
2012	International Academy of Pathology	1500 x delegates
2012	World Congress of the International Federation of Landscape Architects	1200 x delegates
2013	Control of Influenza VIII Conference	1600 x delegates
2013	International Association for Dental Research (IADR)	2200 x delegates
2013	International Papillomavirus Conference	1300 x delegates
2013	17th IUPHAR World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology	1600 x delegates
2013	World Congress on Tobacco or Health	2000 x delegates
2013	World Green Building Council International Congress	2400 x delegates
2013	World Congress of Paediatric Infectious Diseases	2500 x delegates
2014	International Congress on Infectious Diseases	1800 x delegates
2014	HIV Research for Prevention	1300 x delegates
2014	World Congress of Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Therapy	1500 x delegates
2014	World Congress of the Union Network International	2000 x delegates
2014	World Conference of the Association of Military Christian Fellowship	2000 x delegates
2015	47th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology	2000 x delegates
2015	46th Union World Conference on Lung Health	2500 x delegates
2016	9th IFEA – World Congress of Endodontics	1500 x delegates
2016	Combined Orthopaedic Associations Meeting	1300 x delegates
2016	Conference the International Society for Quality in Health Care	1500 x delegates
2016	International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM)	1500 x delegates
2016	International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA)	1500 x delegates
2016	International Urogynecological Association	2000 x delegates
2016	World Congress of Endourology and Uro-Technology	2100 x delegates
2017	16th International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics World Congress	1500 x delegates
2017	Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population	2000 x delegates
2017	IUSSP International Population Conference	2000 x delegates
2017	Royal Congress of Obstetricians & Gynaec World Congress	2200 x delegates
2017	SICOT Orthopaedic World Congress	1500 x delegates
2017	United Nations World Data Forum	2000 x delegates
2017	International Round Square Conference	1500 x delegates
2017	International Papillomavirus Conference	1300 x delegates
2017	World Congress of the International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People	1300 x delegates
2018	BRICS Legal Forum	1500 x delegates
2018	AAPG SEG International Conference & Exhibition -ICE-	1300 x delegates
2018	Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists	2500 x delegates
2018	International Wikimedia Conference	1100 x delegates
2018	World Congress of Audiology	1500 x delegates
2018	World Congress of Neurorehabilitation	2000 x delegates
2018	World Conference on Tobacco or Health	2000 x delegates
2019	Conference on Ecological Restoration	1200 x delegates
2019	Conference the International Society for Quality in Health Care	1500 x delegates
2019	Young Presidents' Organization	2500 x delegates
2019	YPO Global Leadership Conference & EDGE	2000 x delegates
2020	World Congress of Neurorehabilitation	2000 x delegates

2021	HIV Research for Prevention	1400 x delegates
2021	International Confederation of Dietetics Association Congress	2000 x delegates
2022	World Science Forum	1200 x delegates
2023	WFNS World Congress of Neurosurgery	2000 x delegates
2023	International Congress on Human Genetics	2500 x delegates
2023	International Heat Transfer Conference	1400 x delegates
2023	International Congress of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia	1200 x delegates
2024	Annual Congress and General Assembly of the International Solid Waste Association	1200 x delegates
2024	Congress of the International Fiscal Association	1200 x delegates
2024	ID4Africa Annual Meeting	2000 x delegates
2024	International Congress on Infectious Diseases	2500 x delegates
2024	International Symposium on Microbial Ecology	1500 x delegates
2024	ISF World Seed Congress	1200 x delegates
2024	LPG Week & World LPG Forum	2000 x delegates
2024	World Congress of the International Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association	1900 x delegates
2024	World Congress of Epidemiology	2000 x delegates
2024	World One Health Congress	1400 x delegates
2024	World Veterinary Association Congress, 1600 delegates (listed twice)	
2024	World Conference of the International Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association	1400 x delegates
2024	International Symposium on Pneumococci and Pneumococcal Diseases	1100 x delegates

2500-4000 Delegates

2006	International Congress of Radiology	3000 x delegates
2006	Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie	3500 x delegates
2006	World Stroke Congress	4000 x delegates
2010	10th World Congress of Nuclear Medicine	3000 x delegates
2011	World Veterinary Congress	3000 x delegates
2012	World Congress of the World Association for Infant Mental Health	3100 x delegates
2013	World Congress of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery	3000 x delegates
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2014	19th World Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC)	3000 x delegates
2014	World Small Animal Veterinary Conference	4000 x delegates
2014	4th UNI Global Union Congress	4000 x delegates
2015	World Congress of Nephrology	3500 x delegates
2015	World Library and Information Congress: IFLA General Conference and Council	3000 x delegates
2016	17th World Congress on Psychiatry	3000 x delegates
2016	International Geological Congress	3700 x delegates
2017	Annual Meeting of the World Aquaculture Society	4000 x delegates
2017	World Physiotherapy Congress	3500 x delegates
2021	International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery & Orthopaedic Sports Medicine	3500 x delegates
2022	International Congress of Immunology	3000 x delegates
2023	International Symposium on Morphological Sciences	4000 x delegates
2024	FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	3300 x delegates
2024	General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union	2600 x delegates

>4000 Delegates

2006	19th World Diabetes Congress	12,300 x delegates
2008	World Congress of Anaesthesiologists	7000 x delegates
2009	5th IAS Conference On HIV Pathogenesis Treatment & Prevention	5900 x delegates
2009	19th FIGO World Congress of Gynecology & Obstetrics	7000 x delegates
2009	International Congress on Occupational Health	4000 x delegates
2010	Cape Town 2010: The 3rd Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization	5000 x delegates
2012	International Congress of Psychology	6000 x delegates
2013	International Conference on HIV/AIDS and STIs in Africa	6500 x delegates
2013	17th International Conference on AIDS and STI's (ICASA)	6500 x delegates
2015	South Africa's International Renewable Energy Conference	6000 x delegates
2016	35th International Geological Congress	6000 x delegates
2016	Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture	1000 x delegates
2018	18th International Congress of Endocrinology	5500 x delegates
2018	World Congress of Internal Medicine	6000 x delegates
2020	World Ophthalmology Virtual Congress	7000 x delegates

Upcoming Congresses:

2026	Working Week & General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors	
2026	One Young World Summit	
2026	Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis	
2026	Symposium of the International Sustainable Campus Network	
2026	World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion	
2026	International Mineral Processing Congress	
2026	International Palaeontological Congress	
2026	Annual Meeting of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine	
2026	International Congress of the World Federation of Public Health Associations	
2026	International Zoo Educators' Conference	
2026	Theranostics World Congress	
2026	Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine	
2027	Symposium of the International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology & Economics	
2027	World Congress on Family Doctors	
2027	International Data Week	
2027	International Conference on Mine Hoisting and Haulage	
2027	World Congress on ADHD	
2027	World Congress of Neurology	
2027	International Congress of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	
2027	IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience	
2027	World Congress for Neurorehabilitation	
2027	World Avocado Congress	

2028	International Congress on Entomology	
2028	International Conference on Information Systems	
2028	WorldPride Human Rights Conference	
2029	International Botanical Congress	



SUPPORT LETTERS

The
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6 May 2026

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IUCr Congress Bid, Cape Town 2032

Dear Professor Bourne,

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the African Crystallographic Association, AfCA, to express our strongest support the bid to host the 2032 International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) Congress and General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa.

The use of crystallography is growing rapidly across the African continent, driven by a vibrant and active community of crystallographers. This growth is reflected in the recent acceptance of the AfCA as the fifth regional associate of the IUCr. The IUCr Congress has never been held on African soil, but the growth of structural science on the continent makes this an ideal time to host such an event here. The opportunities for networking, training and exposure of young African scientists to cutting-edge research will make the IUCr a powerful accelerant for the growth of the African crystallographic community.

Cape Town is an ideal venue to host such as event. It is easily accessible, including from many African countries, and has world-class conferencing facilities as well as an extremely active crystallographic community spread across various academic and research institutes. Hosting the Congress in Cape Town would provide an opportunity for the involvement of structural scientists from across the African continent.

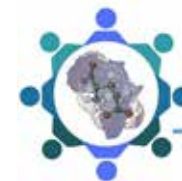
AfCA strongly supports this bid, and welcomes the opportunities the IUCr Congress would offer for exchange of ideas, advancement of structural science, and the development of the African crystallography community.

Yours sincerely,

Delia Haynes
AfCA President

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3 May 2026

Dear Professor Bourne

On behalf of BioStruct-Africa (www.biostructafrica.org), we are pleased to offer our wholehearted support for the bid to host the 2032 International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) Congress and General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa.

BioStruct-Africa is a non-profit organisation dedicated to bridging technological gaps through knowledge transfer, training, and mentoring of Africa-based researchers who apply cutting-edge methods in structural biology. Our mission closely aligns with the vision of the IUCr to promote excellence, capacity building, and global inclusion in the structural sciences. This alignment is reflected in the support we have received through multiple IUCr-funded initiatives for our work.

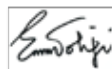
Over the years, BioStruct-Africa has actively supported and encouraged the development of structural science across the African continent, including engagement with and support for the African Crystallographic Association (AfCA). We are therefore particularly excited by the prospect of an IUCr Congress being held on African soil for the first time. Hosting the Congress in Cape Town would represent a landmark opportunity to further strengthen crystallography and related disciplines in Africa while fostering meaningful scientific exchange with colleagues from around the world.

Cape Town offers an exceptional setting for an international scientific congress. It is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with well-developed infrastructure, world-class conference facilities, and strong academic and research institutions. Its accessibility and appeal make it an ideal location to convene scientists from across Africa and the global community,

enabling the formation of new collaborations, partnerships, and networks that will endure well beyond the Congress itself.

We wholeheartedly support this bid and look forward to the opportunity it represents for the international crystallographic community and for Africa in particular.

Sincerely



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3 May 2026

Dear Professor Bourne

On behalf of the African Light Source (AfLS) Foundation, we wish to express our strong support for the bid to host the 2032 International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) Congress and General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa.

The AfLS Foundation is mandated to drive progress along the Roadmap towards the establishment of an Advanced Light Source on the African continent. Central to this mandate is the development of scientific capacity, infrastructure, and international collaboration in fields that rely on advanced photon and structural science techniques, including crystallography. In this respect, the mission and global vision of the IUCr strongly align with the objectives of the AfLS Foundation.

Hosting an IUCr Congress in Africa would provide a powerful catalyst for strengthening crystallography and structural science across the continent, while accelerating engagement between African researchers and the international community. It would also enhance visibility and momentum for large-scale scientific infrastructure initiatives such as the African Light Source, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and long-term partnerships.

Cape Town offers an outstanding venue for an international congress of this stature. As a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with established scientific institutions, excellent infrastructure, and world-class conference facilities, it provides an ideal environment for productive scientific exchange. Hosting the IUCr Congress in Cape Town would create exceptional opportunities for networking, collaboration, and the growth of scientific excellence across Africa and beyond.

The AfLS Foundation strongly endorses the Cape Town bid and believes that hosting the 2032 IUCr Congress and General Assembly in South Africa would have a lasting and transformative impact on crystallography, structural science, and advanced light source development in Africa.

Sincerely

Prof Simon Connell : Chair AAS-AfLS Exec



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Dear Dr A.M. Stanley

**BID TO HOST: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY (IUCr) – 2032**

As Premier of the Western Cape, it gives me great pleasure to endorse the bid to host the **International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr)** – in 2032.

The Western Cape is undeniably Africa's pearl and as visitors to our province, your delegates will enjoy a memorable visit. The scenic beauty of Cape Town and the Western Cape is internationally acknowledged, and the diversity of our multicultural population will provide a unique experience.

Western Cape has an extensive selection of top-class hotels and luxury accommodation that guarantee guests a comfortable and enjoyable stay. Cape Town and the Western Cape's excellent infrastructure framed by a beautiful setting will ensure that business is always a pleasure for delegates choosing to conference here.

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It is our hope that the Cape Town bid for this conference succeeds. I assure International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) of our complete support and cooperation in making the International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) a truly memorable event.

Yours faithfully,

MR ALAN WINDE
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Dear Dr A.M. Stanley,

**BID TO HOST: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY (IUCR) - 2032**

It gives me great pleasure to communicate to you my department's enthusiasm and support of the Western Cape and Cape Town's bid to host the **International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) In 2032.**

Hosting this event in 2032 in South Africa will boost Africa's participation, contribution and development in these very important scientific and educational fields.

Our province is home to many of Africa's leading companies, four premier universities and is a centre for scientific research and development. The destination offers a unique opportunity for professionals involved in this field to experience first-hand the interface between advanced technologies as well as techniques and the needs of the developing world.

Cape Town and the Western Cape has earned a reputation as one of the world's most competitive destinations with first-class infrastructure as well as a pool of seasoned and highly skilled professionals. The scenic splendour of the Cape Peninsula and the uniqueness of our diverse natural and social landscapes complete the package, making Cape Town and the Western Cape a most magnificent and hospitable destination that is multi-award winning.

The Western Cape looks forward to welcoming delegates of the International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) in 2032 and ensuring that the event is an unqualified success.

Yours sincerely

Ivan Meyer

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Dear Dr Stanley,

BID TO HOST: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY (IUCR) – 2032

It was with great pride and pleasure that I learned of Cape Town's bid to host Society for International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCR) - in 2032.

Cape Town is the top convention city in Africa and the Middle East, according to the ICCA (International Congress and Convention Association) global ranking. Numerous world-class international conferences, meetings, conventions and incentives are supported by first-class infrastructure and a tradition of commercial and hospitality excellence.

Cape Town is home to some of the world's most spectacular scenery and unique experiences, yet it is the diversity of its warm, welcoming people and the eclectic mix of cultures and traditions that make our city an inspired choice for hosting an event of this magnitude.

It is our hope that the Cape Town bid for this conference succeeds. I assure the International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCR) of our complete support and cooperation in making the International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCR) in 2032 a truly memorable event. The City endorses the event, but no financial commitment has been made towards the event at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

GEORDIN HILL-LEWIS
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

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Dear Dr A.M. Stanley,

BID TO HOST: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY (IUCR) -2032.

On behalf of Wesgro, the official tourism, trade and investment promotion agency for Cape Town and the Western Cape, it is my pleasure to endorse the International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) in 2032.

Cape Town has historically been a meeting point of global trade routes and is widely regarded as a gateway to Africa for both business and leisure travellers. Firmly rooted in its African heritage and culture, Cape Town and the Western Cape is South Africa's most progressive and innovative province - where local government, the private sector and academia work together to create one of Africa's leading regions for business, learning and leisure tourism.

World-class conference facilities, luxury hotels, top academic institutions, and an excellent business infrastructure work together to make Cape Town and the Western Cape one of Africa's most popular convention destinations.

As a core strength, the destination offers an excellent year-round tourism experience and is renowned for providing great value for money. Our vibrant city is ideal for delegates wishing to extend their conference stay and enjoy an unparalleled range of leisure activities. With Table Mountain as a backdrop, the "Mother City," as it is affectionately known, lies within the unique Cape Floral Region. Surrounded by the internationally acclaimed Cape Winelands, the destination welcomes visitors from around the world to a vibrant cultural experience that is as warm and hospitable as it is unique.

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We would be delighted to host the International Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) - 2032 in Cape Town and the Western Cape.

Warm Regards,


Wrenelle Stander (Apr 14, 2026 22:04:29 GMT+2)

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