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International Conference

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Conference Venue – Sandton Convention Centre



The Sandton Convention Centre is Southern Africa's leading and most prestigious, multi-purpose exhibition and convention centre, and is situated in northern Johannesburg, in the heart of Sandton's vibrant business district.

Conveniently located within easy reach of the Gautrain and O. R. Tambo International Airport, the Sandton Convention Centre is flanked by a number of leading hotels, sophisticated shopping centers and entertainment complexes.

The on-site amenities and high level of varied services ensure the venue is fully equipped to facilitate a full range of function and events in Johannesburg.

Physical address: Maude Street, Sandown, Johannesburg 2196
GPS coordinates: S26° 06.394' / E028° 03.221'
Website: www.saconvention.co.za



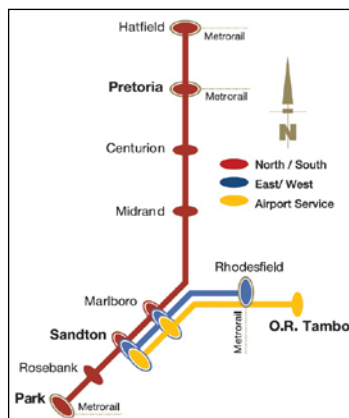
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Transportation



The suggested mode of transportation between O. R. Tambo International Airport and the Conference venue is the Gautrain. The Gautrain is a rapid transit railway system which links Johannesburg, Pretoria, and O. R. Tambo International Airport. It was built to relieve the traffic congestion and offer commuters an alternative to road transport.

To reach the Conference venue from O. R. Tambo International Airport, you would catch the Airport Service (the only train line operating at the airport) and disembark at Sandton Station. This journey takes 15 minutes. Trains are in operation every day from around 5 am to 9 pm and run every 10 minutes during peak time and every 20 minutes during off-peak time. The complete train

schedule may be found at: https://www.gautrain.co.za/pdf/Gautrain_Train_Schedule.pdf.

In order to use the train, you need to buy a reloadable Gautrain Card. The card itself costs ZAR 17 and the fare from O. R. Tambo International Airport to Sandton is ZAR 158. A Gautrain Card allowing for a return trip from the airport to the Conference venue would therefore cost ZAR 333 (ZAR 158 + 158 + 17), which corresponds to approximately USD 22.

Gautrain Cards can be bought at the ticket vending machines or the ticket office at every Gautrain station. At O. R. Tambo International Airport, the most convenient way to buy the Gautrain Card is to visit the dedicated Gautrain kiosk in the international arrivals hall.

How to use the ticket vending machine (TVM)

The TVMs are similar to an ATM bank terminal and accept cash and bank cards. TVMs can be used to purchase a Gautrain Card, top-up pay-as-you-go value, purchase a Train Pass and to view the last four transactions on your Gautrain Card. So avoid the queues at the Ticket Office and give the TVM a go!

Step 1: Select "Buy Gautrain Card" on the touch screen or place Gautrain Card onto the card reader



Step 2: Select a Product* or Pay-As-You-Go

Step 3: Pay-As-You-Go** users select amount to load on card

Step 4: Select payment method: "Cash" or "Bank Card"

Step 5: Follow instructions to insert Bank Card or Cash

Step 6: Collect new or loaded Gautrain Card from slot or take from the card reader

* Regular travellers using the same two stations can save money by selecting a Weekly or Monthly Travel Product.
** Unused Pay-As-You-Go value will expire three years from date of last use.



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How to use the train service



TAG IN

- First time users, purchase and load your Card at the Station.
- A minimum balance of R27 Pay-As-You-Go value or a valid Train Product is required to enter Fare Gates.
- Tap your Gautrain Card to the ticket reader on the Fare Gate.
- A green light and a beep sound will indicate validation and the glass barrier will open.
- Proceed swiftly.

TAG OUT

- Tap your Gautrain Card to the ticket reader.
- A green light and a beep sound will indicate validation and the glass barrier will open.
- Proceed swiftly.
- Thank you for using Gautrain.

**Relax.
Enjoy your
train ride!**

To buy your Gautrain Card through a ticket vending machine, you should choose “Pay-As-You-Go”. The amount to be uploaded is ZAR 316.

To use the Gautrain services, tap your Gautrain card to tag in and tag out at the ticket reader on the fare gate.

Once you arrive at Sandton Station, the Sandton Convention Center is about 500 meters away and can be reached by foot.



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Hotels

The following special rates have been negotiated for Conference participants.

To make a booking with the negotiated links, kindly refer to the [dedicated booking site](#).



Garden Court Sandton City

Cnr West and Maude Street, Sandton
(Distance from SCC: Adjacent)



STANDARD SINGLE	STANDARD DOUBLE
R 1495.00	R 1495.00



Sandton Sun

Cnr Fifth & Alice Streets, Sandton
(Distance from SCC: Adjacent)



SUPERIOR SINGLE	SUPERIOR DOUBLE
R 2495.00	R 2705.00



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InterContinental Johannesburg Sandton Towers

Corner Fifth & Maude Streets, Sandton
(Distance from SCC: Adjacent)



DELUXE SINGLE
R 2745.00

DELUXE DOUBLE
R 3000.00



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Holiday Inn Sandton

123 Rivonia Road, Sandton
(Distance from SCC: 1km)



STANDARD SINGLE
R 1515.00

STANDARD DOUBLE
R 1715.00



Southern Sun Katherine Street Sandton

115 Katherine Street, Sandton
(Distance from SCC: 1.5km)



STANDARD SINGLE
R 1615.00

STANDARD DOUBLE
R 1900.00

SUPERIOR SINGLE
R 1715.00

SUPERIOR DOUBLE
R 2000.00



SUITE SINGLE
R 2165.00

SUITE DOUBLE
R 2450.00



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Garden Court Morningside Sandton

Cnr Rivonia Road & Cullinan Close, Morningside
(Distance from SCC: 2.5km)



STANDARD SINGLE	STANDARD DOUBLE
R 1280.00	R 1280.00

The quoted rates are:

- applicable per room/ per night, and include breakfast;
- inclusive of VAT @ 15%, but exclusive of tourism levy @ 1% on accommodation only;
- all double room rates refer to a maximum of two adults per room;
- nett and non-commissionable;
- quoted in ZAR and the rate of exchange will be as issued by the hotel at the time
- based on number of rooms quoted;
- valid for 7 consecutive days, thereafter rate availability cannot be guaranteed; and
- number of rooms are based on availability at the time of writing, and will be subject to availability at the time of booking.



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General Travel Information

Official language

South Africa has 11 official languages but the Conference languages are English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

Climate

Spring in South Africa (mid-September to November) offers the best weather with fairly mild temperatures. The city enjoys a dry, sunny climate, with the exception of occasional late afternoon downpours in October. It is warm but not too hot, getting warmer as the season progresses.

Telecommunications

Mobile phones can be rented at all international airports and prepaid airtime can be purchased at most retail outlets. Most international hotels offer wireless connections.

Malaria

There is no malaria in Johannesburg.

Vaccinations

Visitors entering South Africa from a yellow fever zone must have a valid international yellow fever inoculation certificate. No other vaccinations are required when visiting South Africa.

Liability and insurance

Registration for the Conference implies that delegates agree that neither the Local Organizing Committee nor the Professional Conference Organizer assume any liability or responsibility for any losses, accidents or damage to person's private property. Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements for medical, travel and personal insurance.

Currency and exchange

The South African Rand is the local currency. Foreign exchange can be done in most hotels. Major credit cards are accepted and can be used to obtain cash from Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs).

Electricity/Voltage

The voltage throughout South Africa is 220V/50hz. Most plugs are 15 amp 3-prong with round pins. Please bring an adapter or buy one at the airport upon your arrival. Your hotel may also be able to help.



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Time Zone

South African Standard Time (GMT +2)

Water

Tap water is drinkable in all parts of South Africa.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in public spaces and is restricted to specific areas.

Visa Requirements

To determine whether you require a visa to enter South Africa, visit the comprehensive South African Home Affairs Department.

Read more: <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/apply-for-a-south-african-visa>.

For other travel information, please visit <https://www.southafrica.net/>.

Visa Letters

Should you require a visa letter to assist with your visa application, please e-mail Marija Spasevski at marija@soafrica.com.



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Sandton

Sandton is a vibrant, high energy commercial center in Johannesburg. This prestigious suburb is an exciting hub around which business people, residents, shoppers, and tourists live, work, shop, and meet.

Sandton is also a retail hub where visitors can enjoy a unique shopping experience. From antiques and jewellery to arts and curios, Sandton has it all. Sandton City and Nelson Mandela Square are two of the most prestigious and sophisticated shopping complexes in Africa. Together they offer some 200 shops and 59 restaurants. Formerly known as Sandton Square, Nelson Mandela Square was renamed in March 2004, after the unveiling of a 6-metre bronze statue of the former South African president. They are linked by a skywalk to the Sandton Convention Centre.



Enjoy a break from the hustle and escape to Sandton Central Park, which was opened in 2012. Situated in the heart of Sandton, the park consists of a grassed amphitheater, sculptured garden beds, indigenous trees, solar powered lights, seating, and a magnificent sculptured reading garden. Explore the city on various tours and day trips to, *inter alia*, Cullinan Diamond Mine, Cradle of Mankind, Gold Reef City, Lesedi Cultural Village, Pilansberg, and Sun City. A Walk and Talk Tour allows visitors to explore at their own leisure with an electronic self-guided system.



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Johannesburg

Geographically, Johannesburg is centrally located in South Africa, and as the biggest urban conurbation it is also the largest transport hub – for local, cross-border and international travel. More international carriers fly here than any other city in Southern Africa, and there are direct flights to most African cities, New York, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, the major European cities, the Gulf, Mumbai, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok and three Australian cities. London is an 11-hour flight away, and the time zone is one hour ahead of Central European Time (GMT +2).



Facts about Johannesburg:

- Johannesburg has become an internationally renowned and vibrant metropolis, with 3.5 million inhabitants.
- It is the most powerful commercial centre on the African continent.
- Johannesburg generates 16 per cent of South Africa's GDP and employs 12 per cent of the national workforce.
- Its infrastructure matches leading first world cities, yet the cost of living is far lower.
- The city is recognized as the financial capital of South Africa and is home to 74 per cent of corporate headquarters.
- South Africa's only stock exchange, the Johannesburg Securities Exchange (JSE) rates as one of the top 20 exchanges in the world in terms of market capitalisation.



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- The city's profusion of trees – approximately 6 million, make it the largest, man-made forest in the world.
- Medical care is first-world, sophisticated and dependable.
- Johannesburg has become a destination of choice for business due to an outstanding reputation for quality and affordability.
- After modest beginnings as a mining town, Johannesburg has become recognised as a major world city and the economic capital of both South and sub-Saharan Africa.
- The greater Johannesburg metropolis covers an area of 2,300 km², making it larger than Sydney, London or New York, and similar in size to Los Angeles.
- Johannesburg is home to some 3.8 million people, the majority of whom are aged between 19 and 39.
- Today, the economy of Johannesburg reflects successive waves of development and decline, which have seen the city move away from mining and industry towards an economy fundamentally based on services and trade, along with high-value manufacturing in line with global trends.

