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## **IMPORTANT LOGISTICS INFORMATION**

**CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE**

**CAPE TOWN | SOUTH AFRICA**

## **AFRICAN FORUM FOR UTILITY REGULATORS (AFUR)**

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGA**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH AFRICAN ENERGY  
INDABA**

**5 - 8 MARCH 2024**

With the 20<sup>th</sup> African Forum For Utility Regulators (AFUR) Annual Conference taking place in March 2023, we'd like to thank you once again for registering to join us on the 5 - 8 March 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Please find below some important logistical information to ensure that your planning is as seamless as possible.

## OVERVIEW OF SOUTH AFRICA



<b>Head of State</b>	President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa (2019)
<b>Minister for Energy</b>	Mr. Gwede Mantashe
<b>Minister of Electricity</b>	Mr Kgosisentsho Ramakgopa
<b>Energy Regulator</b>	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)
<b>Regulator CEO</b>	Adv. Nomalanga Sithole
<b>National Holiday</b>	27 April (1994) - Freedom Day
<b>Independence</b>	31 May 1910 from the United Kingdom
<b>Area</b>	1,219,912 Square KM
<b>Population</b>	58.78 million
<b>Literacy</b>	87% (2017)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	Black (79%), White (9.6%), Coloured (8.9%), Indian (2.5%)
<b>Religion</b>	Christian (68%), Muslim (2%), Hindu (1.5%), Traditional & animistic (28.5%)
<b>Languages</b>	Afrikaans, English, Zulu, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Sign language

## TRAVEL

Delegates are expected to cover all their participation costs, including accommodation, and travel (air ticket & insurance) to and from South Africa.

## SOUTH AFRICAN VISA REQUIREMENTS

No visas are issued at any ports of entry into South Africa. Visas must be applied for and obtained prior to your departure to South Africa.

1. Visitors to South Africa need to apply for a visa at the South African Embassy / High Commission / Consulate in their country of residence. Due to the heavy fines imposed on airlines carrying foreigners without the required visas, you will not be allowed to board a flight to South Africa unless you are in possession of a valid visa.
2. Contact the South African Embassy / High Commission / Consulate in the country of residence to ascertain whether or not you require a visa to enter South Africa. The contact details of all South African diplomatic offices around the world can be obtained from the Department of International Relations & Cooperation (DIRCO)'s website:
  - [http://www.dirco.gov.za/foreign/sa\\_abroad/index.htm](http://www.dirco.gov.za/foreign/sa_abroad/index.htm)
  - Information relating to VISA applications can be found on this link: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa>

## CURRENCY

The V&A Waterfront is a mere 2.9km from the Cape Town International Convention Centre. You will find several banks, ATMS, and Bureaux de Change facilities in the shopping mall. An Automated Teller Machine (ATM) is available on-site at the CTICC.

The local currency is the **Rand** (International code: **ZAR**)

**One Rand** is comprised of **100 cents**.

The Rand is available in the following denominations:

- 5c - Copper Coin
- 10c - Yellow Copper Coin
- 20c - Yellow Copper Coin
- 50c - Yellow Copper Coin
- R1 - Silver Coin
- R2 - Silver Coin
- R5 - Silver & Yellow Copper Coin
- R10 - Paper Note
- R20 - Paper Note
- R50 - Paper Note
- R100 - Paper Note
- R200 - Paper Note

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

- Estimated current (October 2023) exchange rates, based on recent fluctuations:
- **US \$ 1 = ± ZAR 18.92**
- **€ 1 = ± ZAR 20.01**
- **£ 1 = ± ZAR 23.08**

You can safely exchange foreign currency for South African Rands at any Forex dealer or bank. Please note that your passport and air ticket will be required.

## BANKING HOURS

General banking hours in South Africa are as follows:

### Weekdays

Open : 08h30/09h00

Close : 15h30/16h00

### Saturdays

Open : 08h00/09h00

Close : 11h00/12h00

### Sundays

Some banks open on Sundays, particularly in major shopping malls.

## ELECTRICAL FACILITIES

In South Africa, electrical sockets (outlets) are round sockets (see insert picture). Electrical outlets usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC.

The power supply in South Africa is 220/230 volts AC. The standard plug in South Africa is the 15-amp round-pin, three-prong plug. Euro- and US-style two-pin plugs, and UK-style three-pin plugs, can be used with an adaptor, available at supermarkets; bring transformers along for larger appliances where necessary. Most hotels have 110-volt outlets for electric shavers.



## CAPE TOWN IN A NUTSHELL

Cape Town: Colloquially named the Mother City.

Cape Town, South Africa's second-largest city, ranks among the most beautiful in the world. With its larger-than-life mountain overlooking the City Bowl, harbour, white beaches, and Robben Island beyond, this is a tourist playground. Two World Heritage Sites, the sprawling Winelands, untouched nature reserves, beautiful botanic gardens, and a buzzing waterfront are just the start of your adventure when you visit this special city.

With a population of 3.7 million, Cape Town is South Africa's second most populous city, a quintessential melting pot of creativity, cuisine, and colour. Its strategic geographic position at the tip of Africa has seen foreign visitors stopping off at the Cape since the 1400s, each contributing unique cultural influences that make up the fabric of modern-day Cape Town.

## SOUTH AFRICA IS A DEVELOPED COUNTRY

In fact, you'll find everything from paved roads and highways to gourmet restaurants, five-star hotels, farmers' markets, museums, and malls here. And while it might be exhilarating to picture a plethora of wild animals roaming the streets, don't expect to share the crosswalk with

any lions, elephants, or giraffes. While some villages that border game reserves have to deal with the occasional predator stalking their cattle, you won't spot any wild animals outside the game reserves.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

The South African Police can be reached at any time on 10111

## TIME

South Africa's time is GMT + 2

## GETTING THERE

South Africa is serviced by many of the world's major airlines with direct flights throughout Africa, Europe, America, and the Middle East on a daily basis. South Africa's three main gateway airports are:

- Cape Town International Airport
- Oliver Tambo International Airport previously known as Johannesburg International Airport
- King Shaka International Airport
- Uber is available in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban

## CELL PHONE COVERAGE AREAS ARE ON POINT

Worried that your trip to South Africa means you'll be unplugged from friends and family back home? Don't be. The coverage in South Africa is vast. If you get a local SIM, data plans and minutes are often capped, though incoming calls are free.

## THINGS TO DO IN CAPE TOWN

Please visit: [www.capetown.travel](http://www.capetown.travel) Information is available relating to:

- Things to do in Cape Town
- Tourist information
- Accommodation options
- Getting around Cape Town

## CAPE TOWN WEATHER

March is the sweet spot in Cape Town's year. The average daily temperatures are 16°C – 27°C (61°F – 80°F). There are a few chilly days when you'll need a light jacket, but most days are a mild 21°C (70°F).

## ACCOMMODATION

To book and secure a room for the event, please contact hotels in Cape Town directly. We recommend that you book as soon as possible as Cape Town hotels are typically full during the dates of the Africa Energy Indaba.

[CLICK HERE to view a full listing of local hotels and their contact information.](#)

## **Africa Energy Indaba has secured preferential rates at HotelSky Rates**

Standard Rooms: **R1 230.00** Single B&B incl 15% VAT, excl 1% tourism levy AEI2023  
Booking Link

### **Contact:**

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## **GETTING TO THE VENUE**

The Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town.

### *FROM THE AIRPORT:*

- Approximately 21km - (20 minutes)
- Exit the airport and continue for approximately 3km (stay right).
- Merge onto the N2 Highway.
- Follow N2 Stad / City signs.
- After approximately 18km move into the lane with M6 / Seapoint / Waterfront sign.
- Turn left at traffic light into Walter Sisulu Road
- Drive on – the entrance to the CTICC will be on your left.

### *FROM V&A WATERFRONT:*

- Go along Port Road which will lead you onto Dock Road.
- Continue along Dock Road until you reach Walter Sisulu Road.
- The CTICC will be on your left on Walter Sisulu Road.

[CLICK HERE for more information about the venue](#)

## **TRANSPORT TRANSFERS**

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We look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town