



6th SCIENCE CENTRE WORLD CONGRESS

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CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

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ACCOMMODATION GREENING

In line with the 6SCWC Greening Policy, the following congress hotels have indicated their commitment to sustainability and will be implementing the following greening practices of the duration of the congress week. Congress delegates who are staying at the following hotels, are encouraged to adopt this policy for the duration of their stay.



	THE WESTIN CAPE TOWN HOTEL	SOUTHERN SUN THE CULLINAN	HOLLOW ON THE SQUARE	FOUNTAINS HOTEL	TULIP HOTEL	URBAN HIP ICON
RECYCLING ALL WASTE (GLASS, PLASTIC, PAPER ETC.) THROUGH EITHER AN IN-HOUSE OR OUT-SOURCED RECYCLING CENTRE.	Recycling of waste (glass, plastic, paper etc.) through an external waste company on a daily basis.	Hotel makes use of DWS (Don't Waste Services) to manage refuse removal. They in turn through a company called WasteMan. The hotel recycles all waste on the property including plastic, glass, paper and cardboard. They are linked to a system whereby they can monitor and generate reports on the amount of waste being produced and recycled. Together with Mondi, the hotel has implemented a paper recycling initiative, where the hotel and offices have orange Mondi bins for paper. Mondi collect these full bins once a week for recycling.	Hotel is in the process of implementing a recycling system.	Recycling all waste (glass, plastic, paper etc.)	Not addressed for 6SCWC	All refuse from the hotel is gathered to a central refuse room where a re-cycling company has a permanent staff member that works through every refuse bag and re-cycles whatever is possible
WASHING THE LINEN AND TOWELS OF OUR DELEGATES ONLY ON REQUEST, RATHER THAN DAILY.	Hotel implements a "Conserve Program" and a card is placed next to the bed for delegates to request the laundering of linen.	In the bathrooms, there is a "Green Card" System. This makes reference to saving on water and electricity and encourages guests to hang up their towels if they do not require them to be washed. Bed linen is changed daily.	Hotel will place a special message on their interactive system offering this option.	There are signs in all the bathrooms requesting guests to leave their towels in the bath should they wish it to be washed.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	If towels/linen are not to be washed, it is to be placed onto the railings and will not be washed.
USING A PAPER-LESS CHECK IN/OUT SYSTEM FOR OUR GUESTS	Not addressed for 6SCWC	For the 6SCWC group staying with the hotel, the registration desk will generate just the one group sign in sheet where all delegates will sign in on the same page, thus not printing a page for each individual person	Not addressed for 6SCWC	Will implement paperless check out for 6SCWC delegates. For the check-in, delegates do need to sign a registration card.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	For hotel records and audit purposes, guests have to complete registration cards upon check-in, but hotel uses only the necessary items and does not waste.
REPLACING SMALL INDIVIDUAL SHAMPOO/SHOWER GEL BOTTLES WITH A LARGER DISPENSER INSTEAD	Hotel only replaces toiletries when necessary, with soaps reduced to one bar per room.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	Hotel is in the process of implementing environmental friendly products (considering dispensers for green room)	Use large shampoo/shower dispensers instead of small individual gel bottles.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	This will not be possible as hotel is part of a Group and the guest amenities are as per the standard of the hotel group. The hotel does however, re-use shampoo by decanting into the same container to eliminate waste
IMPLEMENTING A FOOD REDISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND/OR COMPOST HEAP FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONGRESS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY WASTE	All leftover food is distributed to charity. Food waste is segregated and collected for recycling plants.	The Hotel has reduced their food production so as to minimize waste and leftovers are distributed in the staff restaurant.	Food re-distribution to avoid waste is the hotels standard practice.	Leftovers go to the hotel staff so we have no food waste. Hotel feels that as they are a city hotel, a compost heap would not be viable- this option has been looked at in the past.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	Hotel does not offer and F&B options, therefore this is not applicable.
CHOOSING A FOOD MENU THAT COMPRISES OF LOCAL AND SEASONAL PRODUCE FOR THE CONGRESS WEEK	Choosing a food menu that comprises of local and seasonal produce for the congress week is practised all year round by the hotel.	The Chef's have been instructed to ensure that all produce is sourced locally, and that the menu available during that time is as far as possible local and seasonal	A food menu has been chosen that comprises of local and seasonal produce for the congress week	Hotel only buys from local suppliers and use food that is in season.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	Hotel does not offer and F&B options, therefore this is not applicable.
ON THE BREAKFAST BUFFET, SERVING CONDIMENTS SUCH AS JAM, BUTTER AND SUGAR IN BOWLS, RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES.	Will implement the serving of condiments in bowls, rather than individual packages for duration of congress week.	Hotel makes use of Hillcrest Jams and condiments – the supplier recycles all bottles. Hotel collect the bottles and then return them to the supplier.	Hotel already serves condiments in bowls, rather than individual packages, except sugar which is in individual sachets; however the hotel will implement this during this period.	Hotel serves jam in their original bottles. Hotel will implement this for the butter as well – will be served in individual ramekins. Sugar need to keep in their individual sachets due to hygiene reasons.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	Hotel does not offer and F&B options, therefore this is not applicable.
EMPLOY THE USE OF BIO-DEGRADABLE CLEANING-AIDS FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONGRESS	Large portion of hotel's cleaning materials are bio-degradable.	All chemical suppliers that the hotel makes use of, use environmentally friendly products and bio-degradable cleaning aids	At hotels "green rooms" the use of bio-degradable cleaning aids already implemented and the hotel will proceed to implement this practice in to the rest of the hotel.	Hotel has tried this in the past but feel that the bio-degradable products are not as efficient, unfortunately will change this for the conference.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	This is in practice and the cleaning company uses bio-degradable cleaning products.
INSTRUCTING STAFF TO FOLLOW A GREENING POLICY FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONGRESS WEEK (I.E. SWITCH OFF LIGHTS AND AIR CONDITIONERS THAT ARE NOT IN USE, AVOID UNNECESSARY WASTE, LEAVE WATER RUNNING WHILE THEY CLEAN ETC.)	Staff are already instructed to follow a greening policy	In our back-of-house areas, are environmental awareness posters, encouraging employees to consider the environment and to save water and electricity. This is also communicated to employees during our staff meetings and newsletters, interesting and applicable articles and feedback are also shared. Housekeeping will be addressed further: ensuring lights, air conditioners and TVs are switched off.	Staff are already instructed to follow a greening policy. This will be reemphasized during congress week.	Staff are already instructed to follow a greening policy.	Not addressed for 6SCWC	Staff are already instructed to follow a greening policy.
ADDITIONAL GREEN POLICY	Energy saving LED light bulbs are installed in strategic areas of the hotel.	The hotel makes use of make use of an Energy Demand System that manages our electricity usage, thereby keeping our maximum demand to an absolute minimum. This includes switching off the boilers when the laundry machines are running etc. We also make use of energy saver light bulbs in all possible fixtures in the building and have recently installed energy efficient diffusers in our lighting system.	At hotels "green rooms" the use of bio-degradable cleaning aids already implemented and the hotel will proceed to implement this practice in to the rest of the hotel.	N/A	Not addressed for 6SCWC	80% of all Hotel light bulbs have been replaced by energy savers.

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