



6th SCIENCE CENTRE WORLD CONGRESS

4 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2011
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Science Across Cultures

6SCWC INVITATION TO REGISTER

**The 6th Science Centre World Congress
will be held in Cape Town, South Africa,
4-8 September 2011.**

Enjoy stimulating congress sessions,
challenging workshops and lively debates.
And enjoy all that Cape Town and South
Africa have to offer - whale watching,
wine tasting, a unique floral kingdom,
big game safaris, beautiful beaches,
unparalleled scenic beauty, and a friendly
and diverse culture.

Your hosts the Cape Town Science Centre,
the Southern African Association of Science and
Technology Centres, and the North Africa and Middle East Science Centers
Network look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town.

With the theme "Science Across Cultures", the 6th Science Centre World Congress
will encourage reconciliation between different cultures and a greater appreciation
of the role that science centres can play in highlighting each culture's unique
contributions to science, technology and science education.

Register online here: www.6scwc.org/registration.php

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

	FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER	MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER
MORNING	REGISTRATION PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP	REGISTRATION PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP	REGISTRATION PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP	REGISTRATION CONGRESS OPENING SESSION	REGISTRATION CONGRESS SESSIONS	REGISTRATION CONGRESS SESSIONS	REGISTRATION CONGRESS SESSIONS
AFTERNOON				CONGRESS SESSIONS	CONGRESS SESSIONS	CONGRESS SESSIONS	CONGRESS CLOSING SESSION
EVENING	PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP DINNER		WELCOME RECEPTION	EVENING EXCURSION	EVENING EXCURSION	GALA DINNER	

PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

A three-day pre-congress Capacity Building Workshop will be held in Cape Town on 2, 3 and 4 September 2011, immediately prior to the 6SCWC. This workshop is part of a longer-term programme to develop the future leaders and managers of the science centre field in Africa. Convened by SAASTEC and African partner organisations, the workshop will be supported by inputs from an international consortium including Questacon and the Australian National University, the Technopolis Science Center Academy, and the Association of Science-Technology Centers. African countries will be invited to nominate participants as part of their strategic plans for science centre development in those countries.

The workshop will be held at the Fountains Hotel, one of the 6SCWC Designated Congress Hotels. Delegates who are attending the pre-congress workshop may wish to book their accommodation for the duration of the pre-congress workshop and the 6SCWC at the Fountains Hotel. Delegates attending the pre-congress workshop must be registered for 6SCWC and an additional fee for the pre-congress workshop will be charged.

Includes workshop materials, light refreshments on pre-congress workshop days and the Pre-Congress Workshop Dinner (2 Sept).

Note: The Pre-Congress Workshop Registration Fee has been increased since prior advertising due to an increase in the parameters of the event.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

WELCOME RECEPTION (4 SEPT)

The Welcome Reception promises the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from around the world. Accompanying Persons are invited to attend this event as per their registration package. A light supper and beverages will be served.

GALA DINNER (7 SEPT)

Enjoy a taste of Africa at Moyo on the Spier Wine Estate outside of Cape Town. Guests will be transported by coach to the restaurant for an evening of African food and vibrant entertainment from across the continent. Your table might be in a tree house or a Bedouin tent, and you will be surrounded by historic and contemporary African art, artefacts, design, and ritual. Accompanying Persons are invited to attend this event as per their registration package. Dinner and beverages will be served.

EVENING EXCURSIONS (5 AND 6 SEPT)

Evening excursions are planned to Cape Town museums or science centres. These excursions are included in the Delegate and Accompanying Person registration packages. Transportation will be provided and light refreshments will be served.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

A full Accompanying Persons programme, showcasing the splendour of Cape Town, is available for the enjoyment of those travelling to Cape Town with 6SCWC delegates. Registered Accompanying Persons are invited to attend the Welcome Reception, the Gala Dinner, the evening excursions and your package also includes two daytime Cape Town City Sightseeing Tours.

ADDITIONAL DAY TOURS

A wide range of additional day tours for 6SCWC Delegates and Accompanying Persons are available. These can be booked ahead of time, or at the congress venue, once you've settled in and have decided what you'd like to see and do. A great way to see more of Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula.

Visit the 6SCWC website for all the choices and details:

www.6scwc.org/day_tours.php



PRE- AND POST-CONGRESS TOURS

South Africa and its neighbouring countries offer wonderful pre- and post-congress travel opportunities for international delegates. 6SCWC provides a once-in-a-lifetime chance to go on a safari, explore the Garden Route, visit Victoria Falls, or access other stunning destinations in southern Africa.

Visit the 6SCWC website for pre- and post-congress tour packages: www.6scwc.org/congress_tours.php



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

6SCWC will endeavour to reduce its environmental footprint through the implementation of a green policy.

- **Recycling** - Paper, plastic, glass and tins will be recycled.
- **Locally-sourced materials** - Congress materials including the delegate bags and lanyards will be produced locally with an emphasis on local job creation in Cape Town's disadvantaged communities.
- **Delegate handbook** - Printed on "Triple Green" paper produced at the Sappi Stanger Mill in South Africa, one of only a few mills in the world using sugar cane fibre as its primary source of pulp. The pulp is a by-product of the local sugar production and is an annually-renewable resource as well as a recycled raw material.
- **The menu** - All 6SCWC menus will be designed using local, seasonal produce.
- **The venue** - The Cape Town International Convention Centre has eco-friendly policies in place, including an automated electricity-savings programme to prevent waste by lights, air conditioning and escalators; water-use minimisation systems using drip-flow irrigation and dual-flush toilets; an in-house recycling system; biodegradable cleaning agents; and the sourcing of local supplies to promote job creation and the sustainability of local farms and producers. The current expansion of the CTICC aims to achieve the highest possible Green Star building rating of six stars and will make it the first of its kind in South Africa.
- **Accommodation** - 6SCWC congress hotels are encouraged to follow a green policy for the duration of 6SCWC.
- **Renewable energy** - RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates) supplied by GreenX Energy in Cape Town can offset the electricity used during the congress week. Unlike a carbon trade, an REC does not simply offset carbon emissions (through tree planting, for example) it certifies the sale and use of electricity derived from renewable energy resources and generated sustainably.

Visit the 6SCWC website for more information on 6SCWC's Sustainability Policy:

www.6scwc.org/policy.php



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6SCWC REGISTRATION FEES

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Registration – Early (until 3 June 2011)	ZAR 5,525.00
Registration – Standard (until 19 August 2011)	ZAR 6,525.00
Registration – Late	ZAR 7,525.00
Registration – Discounted* ** (until 3 June 2011)	ZAR 4,250.00

* Residents of low-GNI (gross national income) countries are eligible for a discounted registration fee. Please visit the 6SCWC website to determine if your country of residence qualifies as a low-GNI country: www.6scwc.org/general.php

** Delegates who will be registered students for the duration of the 6SCWC are eligible to register at the Discounted rate. Students will be asked to email the 6SCWC Secretariat proof of their student registration at academic institutions.

PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEES

Registration	ZAR 1,200.00
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Includes workshop materials, light refreshments on pre-congress workshop days and the Pre-Congress Workshop Dinner (2 Sept).

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME FEES

Accompanying Person Package Fees	ZAR 2,500.00
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SOCIAL PROGRAMME - ADDITIONAL TICKETS

Welcome Reception (4 Sept)	ZAR 350.00
Gala Dinner (7 Sept)	ZAR 450.00



EARLY / STANDARD / LATE / DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

- All sessions and congress materials
- 2 tea breaks and lunch on congress days
- Congress Opening Session (5 Sept)
- Welcome Reception (4 Sept) and Gala Dinner (7 Sept)
- Evening excursions to Cape Town museums or science centres (5 and 6 Sept)

ACCOMPANYING PERSON PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Congress Opening Session (5 Sept)
- Welcome Reception (4 Sept) and Gala Dinner (7 Sept)
- Evening excursions to Cape Town museums or science centres (5 and 6 Sept)
- 2 City Sightseeing Day Tours

Note: The tea breaks and lunches on congress days are only open to delegates. Accompanying persons are asked to make their own arrangements.

6SCWC REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Registration will only be valid once all monies are received.
2. All payments to be made payable to 6SCWC
3. All cancellations must be received in writing.
 - Cancellations 90 days prior to the beginning of the congress will receive a full refund less a 10% administration fee.
 - Cancellations between 90 and 30 days will be refunded 50% of the fees less the administration fees; if registration fees are outstanding, the delegate will be liable for 50% of the congress fees.
 - No refunds will be provided for cancellations within 30 days of the start of the congress or no-shows and the delegate will be liable for the full congress fee.
4. Completed registrations will be acknowledged within 7 days.
5. Registrations are transferable to delegates not yet registered only if the Congress Secretariat is informed in writing.
6. All fees are payable in South African Rand (ZAR) on request. Any short payment resulting from bank charges and/or exchange rate fluctuations will be charged back to the delegate.



ACCOMMODATION

The 6SCWC Congress Secretariat has selected a range of hotels for delegates to choose from and has negotiated guaranteed rates. Delegates can reserve accommodation at one of the designated congress hotels when completing the registration form. For more detailed information on each of the congress hotels, please visit our accommodation page: www.6scwc.org/accommodation.php

If you would like to make your own accommodation arrangements at a B&B, hostel or guesthouse, the 6SCWC Congress Secretariat recommends www.capestay.co.za. Please note that the Congress Secretariat can only make bookings at the designated congress hotels and cannot be responsible for accommodation booked independently by delegates.

Rates quoted are per room, per night, including breakfast, including 14% VAT, excluding a compulsory 1% Government Tourism Levy.

HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	RATES PER ROOM (ZAR)
THE WESTIN GRAND CAPE TOWN ARABELLA QUAYS *****	SINGLE DOUBLE/TWIN	ZAR 2, 161.00 ZAR 2, 454.00
SOUTHERN SUN THE CULLINAN ****	SINGLE DOUBLE/TWIN	ZAR 1, 645.00 ZAR 1, 845.00
HOLLOW ON THE SQUARE ***	SINGLE DOUBLE/TWIN	ZAR 1, 315.00 ZAR 1, 840.00
FOUNTAINS HOTEL (PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP VENUE) ***	SINGLE DOUBLE/TWIN	ZAR 600.00 ZAR 700.00
THE TULIP HOTEL **	SINGLE DOUBLE/TWIN	ZAR 595.00 ZAR 722.00
URBAN HIP ICON (SELF-CATERING APARTMENTS, EXCLUDES BREAKFAST) *****	1 BEDROOM APARTMENT	ZAR 1, 120.00

PLEASE NOTE

All reservations are made on a 'first come, first served' basis. The stated room rates and availability are valid through 4 June 2011. Thereafter, no rates or availability can be guaranteed and requests will be dealt with according to the current availability and rates at the hotels.



6SCWC ACCOMMODATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Reservations will be made on behalf of delegates by the 6SCWC Congress Secretariat. Please complete the appropriate section on the registration form specifying single or double occupancy, check-in/ check-out dates, and any other special requests.
- To ensure that your accommodation is guaranteed, please book prior to 4 June 2011. Any accommodation requests received after this date will be dealt with on a per availability basis.
- In order to secure your accommodation, the full amount due is required. Please ensure that your credit card is valid through the end of your stay, failing which the booking may not be guaranteed. Any extras must be settled in South African Rand (ZAR) upon check-out.
- Cancellations 60-30 days from arrival date, a 50% penalty will be charged. For cancellations within 30 days of the arrival date or failure to arrive at all (no-shows), a 100% penalty will be charged. Should you fail to arrive as scheduled, the hotel will charge for the loss of revenue for the night or nights in question.



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