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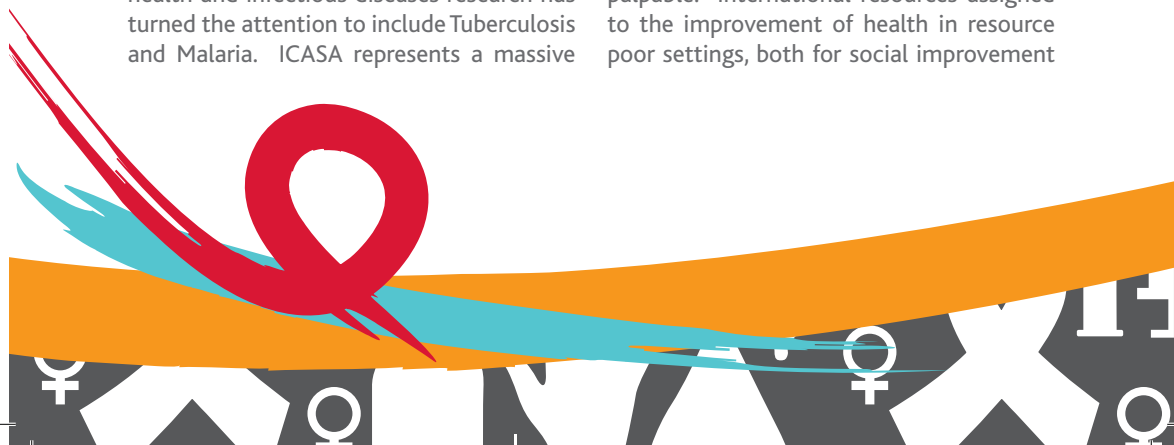
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Sub-Saharan Africa remains the most affected region with over 22 Million people living with HIV and AIDS and the highest Tuberculosis rates world-wide. Through scientific advancements in the diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of HIV significant progress has been made to reduce the mortality and morbidity of AIDS.

Prevention efforts have been accelerated by the progress in biomedical interventions to reduce HIV transmission. Following on the successes of the 30 years of HIV research, from the discovery of the virus to over 30 medicines registered and many prevention methods in the pipeline, public health and infectious diseases research has turned the attention to include Tuberculosis and Malaria. ICASA represents a massive

opportunity for all role players from basic science researcher, clinical researcher to the drug regulatory authorities and human ethics committees to review the current state of infectious diseases research in Africa.

No conference can be relevant or complete without the engagement of the communities we serve. Their voices need to be present and heard to ensure that scientific research is translated to the leadership in our countries by those most affected by the public health emergencies leading to widespread death and misery. The people of Africa, whose hearts beat as one to produce a penetrating pulse in the ground to send the message to world not to give up the fight against HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria just when success has become palpable. International resources assigned to the improvement of health in resource poor settings, both for social improvement



and economic growth, will continue to enhance the region's ability for economic growth, contributing to the global recovery.

With rising tensions created by the international financial crisis and political change impacting the world and Africa, an increased effort is required to maintain the international leadership for a reduction in HIV incidence targeting zero new infections, and a reduction of HIV and AIDS related mortality and morbidity. Not only do we look towards the political leadership and private sector, but also wish to build on the HIV and AIDS successes to develop a community of African scientists, capable of leading

the public health and research initiatives for the continent. We turn our attention on the Universities of Africa where future generations of African leaders are groomed.

ICASA aims to provide researchers with the opportunity of an international stage with the light focused on science and public health of Africa. The standards of research presented at this meeting will reflect the dawning of a new era, with proudly African scientists presenting rich and novel data and discoveries.

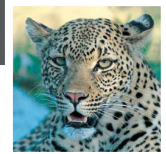


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A RETURN TO DURBAN - A REAFFIRMATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT

In 2000 Durban hosted the landmark XIIIth International AIDS Conference setting the scene for what was to be a turning point in the international drive to breakdown the barriers to AIDS treatment. Following Durban 2000 the world experienced an unprecedented commitment by donors, governments and civil society to increasing access to treatment. ICASA 2013 will take place at a time when this commitment is wavering due to the global economic situation. The Society for AIDS in Africa and Dira Sengwe, (the South African NGO who organised the 2000 conference) has joined forces to ensure that ICASA 2013 becomes another highlight in the African AIDS response. This is the time for the international community and especially for all Africans to show their solidarity for an AIDS free Africa.

DURBAN: HOST CITY

The city of Durban has received many prestigious awards, including the Vuna Award for Best Municipality in South Africa in 2006 and 2007 and the United Nations Award for Best Managed City in Africa (1998).

INFRASTRUCTURAL CAPACITY

The city offers a highly sophisticated transport and communications infrastructure, including fibre-optics and broadband, making Durban a veritable smart city.

Port of Durban

Handling more than 5 000 commercial vessels a year, the Port of Durban is the busiest in

Africa. In addition to commercial trade, ocean cruise liners, pleasure craft and yachts are a common sight in the port. MSC also uses the Port of Durban as a home port for its seasonal repositioning of the Sinfonia and has seen exciting growth in cruise tourism.

Moses Mabhida Stadium

A multi-billion Rand sports arena in the city complements Durban's standing as a leading sports destination. The stadium had a seating capacity of 70 000 spectators during the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and some 54 000 in legacy mode thereafter. Its trademark arch gives an awe-inspiring view of the bustling city, creating yet another tourist attraction within Durban.



INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIR ACCESS INTO SOUTH AFRICA AND DURBAN

International access into Durban is mainly through flights into Johannesburg (O.R. Tambo International Airport) which is the main hub airport for South Africa. Besides the international flights into Johannesburg, there are also hourly connecting flights available from OR Tambo International Airport with a number of domestic airlines. The following hourly connecting airlines provide a large number of flights within South Africa:

- British Airways
- Kulula
- South African Airways
- Mango
- 1time
- Velvet Sky

All the above airlines provide direct flights from OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, into King Shaka International Airport, Durban, with most flights taking less than an hour. The frequency of these flights means that there is usually very little ground time between an incoming international or other flight to Johannesburg and an outgoing flight to Durban.

Emirates Airlines provides a scheduled daily flight between Durban and Dubai, as well as onward connections to about 120

destinations globally. Air Mauritius provides twice a week flights between Durban and Port Louis and onward connections. Furthermore, there are frequent daily flights between Durban and other major cities in South Africa.

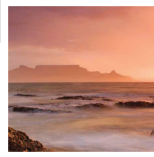
King Shaka International Airport

Opening for service in May 2010, the King Shaka International Airport provides a new and visionary multi-billion Rand international airport, and adjacent trade port, known as Dube TradePort, provides world-class facilities for intercontinental passenger travel and freight transfer. The Province of KwaZulu-Natal in partnership with the Airports Company South Africa are engaged in various initiatives to increase the number of international routes and flights operated from this airport.

ACCOMMODATION

Durban is able to provide 3 to 5 star accommodation within close proximity of the ICC Convention Centre. There are numerous superior quality guest houses, motels, inns and bed and breakfast establishments as well as self-catering lodges, youth hostels and time share apartments within a one hour drive or 50km from the city centre. The Durban KwaZulu-Natal Convention Bureau will be responsible for engaging key accommodation providers to ensure that sufficient accommodation is block-booked over the conference period.

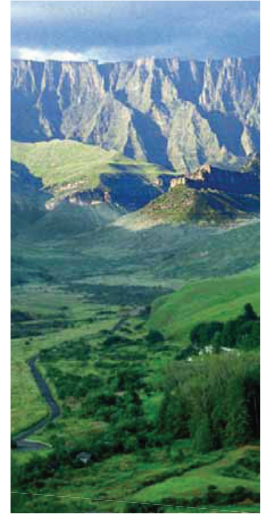




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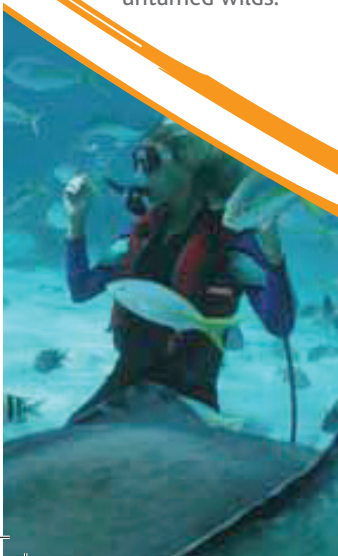
Known as the Zulu Kingdom, KwaZulu-Natal is considered a place of discovery, providing visitors with lasting memories. The region offers a mosaic of vivid scenery, a blend of cultures and diverse attractions. Situated on the East Coast of South Africa, the province has a pristine 600km coastline, a towering mountain range - the uKhahlamba or Drakensberg - and boundless untamed stretches of wilderness which is home to the Big 5. The warm sub-tropical climate makes

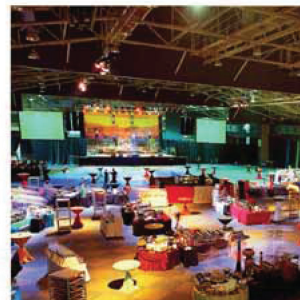
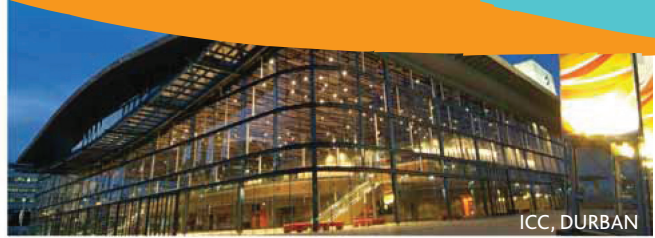
KwaZulu-Natal one of the premier sunshine destinations of the world and a similar time zone to Europe means that the risk of jet lag is significantly reduced. With a population of some 10,2 million people, the province is representative of the cultural diversity of South Africa. Indeed, this province is home to the proud Zulu Nation, and the descendents of colonial settlers from around the world, while the Indian population is one of the world's largest outside India.



SCENIC BEAUTY

KwaZulu-Natal is a province of breathtaking beauty. It is an exotic yet comfortably affordable destination, well-known for its natural heritage, mountains, oceans, indigenous forests and untamed wilds.

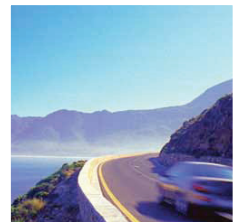




SOUTH AFRICA

The jewel at the southern tip of Africa, South Africa is the continent's economic powerhouse and business gateway to the hinterland. It is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful holiday and investment destinations in the world, creating boundless opportunities for both business and pleasure. A country of intriguing contrasts, South Africa boasts highly developed infrastructure, coupled with a diversity of natural resources. Visitors are generally awe-struck by the stark contrasts of

the landscape which include endless beaches, vast deserts and craggy mountain peaks. Although one eighth the size of the United States and nearly five times the size of the United Kingdom, South Africa commands more than 1,2 million square kilometres of some of the most geographically diverse and stunning land in the world. With its predominantly sunny climate, South Africa offers a year-long 'tourist season', allowing visitors and locals to enjoy an idyllic lifestyle.



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