



Dear Congress Participant,

In a few days we will meet in Durban. We herewith would like to give you some last minute details concerning the 52nd ISOCARP Congress.

### **Welcome desk at Durban King Shaka International Airport**

**From 7 until 14 September** there will be a desk at the Durban airport where delegates are welcomed and shown their way.

The Welcome desk will be at the arrivals area at King Shaka International Airport in Durban next to Woolworths but it mostly depends on the delegates' flight schedule.

The Durban Local Organising Committee kindly asks you **to send your arrival time in Durban and hotel name** to the PCO (Mabuyi Mosia) at [Mabuyi@ikhono.co.za](mailto:Mabuyi@ikhono.co.za), and cc Zamahlubi Radebe at [ZRadebe@sacplan.co.za](mailto:ZRadebe@sacplan.co.za) to ensure that you are received by someone at the airport.

Shuttles will be at the arrivals timed parking area for the entire time as well. Participants will pay for their own shuttle as agreed.

**From Durban Airport to the city** (see also <http://isocarp.org/52nd-isocarp-congress/visa-to-south-africa/>)

#### **Taxi:**

Taxis are safe and relatively inexpensive. The metered taxis operate in all key zones. Registered metered taxis are clearly marked with a coloured sticker. Cost approx. R350 to Durban.

#### **Airport Bus**

Buses depart approximately every 45 min from outside King Shaka International Airport - International Arrivals at Public Transport Parking.

Cost R80 per person to Durban. Tickets available on the bus. Hours of Operation 07h30 to 22h30.

### **Venue Address**

Durban ICC, 45 Bram Fischer Road, Durban 4001

### **Shuttle Buses from Hotels to Venue**

Congress Participants will be transported by shuttle bus from the official congress hotels to the venue and back.

### **Registration**

at the venue, the Durban ICC.

You can already register on **11 September from 10:00 – 16:00**. Please do so to avoid queuing at the registration desk in the morning of 12 September.

The registration desk will be open on all congress days.

### **11 September 2016:**

**Pre-event on Planning Guidelines in Practice: [A Tool for Planning Professionals](#)** (14.30-17.30). A few places are still available.

### **12 September 2016:**

#### **Technical Workshops**

Most of you have inscribed for one of the seven Technical Tours.

## **Departure Times (from ICC):**

### **07:30 for:**

- City of uMhlatuze (Empangeni and uMzingwenya Settlement)
- Ray Nkonyeni Municipality (previously known as Hibiscus Coast Municipality) Hibiscus Coast Municipality Uvongo Settlement and Masinenge Informal Settlement

### **08:00 for:**

- City of eThekweni – Inner City Development
- City of eThekweni – Peri urban development
- City of eThekweni – Dube Tradeport / King Shaka International Airport
- KwaDukuza Municipality (Southern region EThembeni Precinct Groutville Rocky Park Integrated Housing Project)
- Msunduzi Municipality (Greater Edendale and Vulindlela Development Area)

Shuttles will leave the Congress official hotels at 07:00 and 07:30 respectively to the Durban ICC. Due to the nature of the various tours participants are advised to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and are also advised to bring sunblock.

## **13 September 2016:**

9.00: Official start of the congress at ICC.

## **Congress Programme**

You can also download the [Congress Programme Brochure](#) which you all information necessary for the congress.

You will get a printed version of the brochure at the congress.

## **Preliminary List of Participants**

Please find the preliminary List of Participants [here](#).

## **Presentations**

PPTs can be checked in in Meeting Room 12AB (on Ground Floor).

Your papers are uploaded on the [Paper Platform](#).

## **Exhibition**

The exhibition will run during the whole congress.

## **Mentoring**

Please inscribe for the [Mentor Session](#) to take part in Mentor-Mentee meeting during one of the coffee breaks. We encourage both experienced delegates and young planners to apply and meet each other.

## **Weather in Durban**

Durban is a subtropical city with warm, humid summers (Jan-March) and mild, sunny winters (June-Aug) with an average max temperature of 28°C and 18°C.

In September spring is coming around the corner and average temperatures will be 20-26°C. Please pack sunblock.

## **Drinking water**

South Africa's tap water is safe to drink.

## **Safety**

Please see <http://isocarp.org/app/uploads/2015/12/ISOCARP-Security-Statement.pdf>

It is of course advisable to take the normal precautions when travelling in KwaZulu-Natal. Avoid display of cash and valuables, especially in isolated areas or when walking in poorly lit streets.

### Money matters

ATMs are widespread and will accept most international bank and credit cards. Credit cards may be used at most hotels, restaurants, care hire companies etc. It is recommend that delegates exchange currency when arriving at the airport.

### SIM Cards

can be purchased at the King Shaka International Airport, at any MTN, Vodacom or Cell C outlet, as well as various retail stores. Major mobile service providers in South Africa are Vodacom, MTN, Cell C and 8ta.

### Electricity

The South African electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ.  
Power sockets: type C / D / M / N. For your country please check [here](#).

### Telephone numbers in Durban

- In case of any problems concerning your congress stay in Durban please contact Mabyi Mosia at +27 (0) 71 117 7509
- Emergency number police, fire and emergency: +27 (0) 31 361 0000
- Cellphone emergency number: 112.

### Dress code

ISOCARP has no dress code. You might want to dress up a little for the gala dinner on 16 September. However, there are no obligations.

### More practical information

<http://www.southafrica.net/za/en/travel-tips/entry/travel-tip-getting-around>

### Traveller Tips

<http://www.zulu.org.za/files/images/files/Travellers%20Tips.pdf>

We wish you a safe trip to Durban and look forward to meeting you there.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.  
For full information on the congress visit <http://2016.isocarp.org>

Kind regards, also on behalf of Vice President Slawek Ledwon and the Durban Local Organising Committee,

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