

2nd AFRICA WATER WEEK

9 – 13 NOVEMBER 2009

**GALLAGHER CONVENTION CENTRE
MIDRAND, GAUTENG PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA**

INFORMATION BOOKLET



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The African Ministers' Council on Water in keeping with its decision to institutionalize the annual Africa Water Week is pleased to announce that the 2nd Africa Water Week (AWW2) will be held at the Gallagher Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa. During the AWW2, the 2nd Pan-African Implementation and Partnership Conference (PANAFCON II) will take place at the same venue.
- 1.2 The 2nd Africa Water Week Conference will be both unique and innovative in character as the main focus will be on implementation and partnership as Africa sprints towards the 2015 MDG targets. It will bring together through a strong unity of purpose, African countries and UN agencies, civil society groups, the private sector and development cooperation partners, to address the critical issue of water and sanitation, which is a key to sustainable development on the continent. The Conference will be a direct response t

5.1 An estimated total number of seven hundreds (700) delegates, fifty three (53) African Ministers responsible for Water, invited Special Guests, representatives of Donor and UN Agencies, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Water Sector Professionals and Academia as well as the general public are expected to attend the 2nd Africa Water Week.

6. REGISTRATION TO THE CONFERENCE

6.1 All categories of delegates to the 2nd Africa Water Week are advised to visit the Website www.dwaf.gov.za for more information regarding registration to the conference.

7. ACCREDITATION OF DELEGATES

7.1 Delegates to the Conference will be accredited according to their categories, i.e. Ministers, Special Guests, Conference Delegates, Media (Local & International), Service Providers, Gallagher Convention Centre personnel, DWA personnel, Emergency Medical Services personnel, AMCOW officials, etc.

7.2 All delegates will have to register in order to be accredited to participate at the conference. Accreditation Cards/Badges will be issued on arrival and should be worn visibly throughout the conference to avoid any inconveniences.

7.3 All delegates shall be required to produce passport, RSA identity documents or RSA driver's licence in order to be accredited. No other form of identification document will be allowed.

8. ACCOMMODATION

8.1 The following hotels have been identified for Ministers accommodation:

Name of Hotel	Contact Nos.	City	Prices (USD)	Grading
The Michelangelo Hotel	+27 (0) 82 782 3142 +27 (0) 21 794 9050	Nelson Mandela Square Sandton	From \$362.00	5 Star
Hilton Hotel Sandton	+27 (0) 11 322 1888	138 Rivonia Rd, Sandton	From \$320	5 Star
Sandton InterContinental Towers	+27 (0) 11 780 5555	Cnr 5 th and Maude Street	From \$450	5 Star

8.2 The following list indicates the names of the hotels where delegates can consider for their accommodation. These hotels are located in close proximity to the conference venue and are suitable for purposes of transportation to and from the conference venue.

Name of Hotel	Contact Nos.	City	Prices (USD)	Grading
Midrand Conference Centre	+27 11 315 8326	Midrand	U\$ 166	4 Star
Protea Hotel Midrand	+27 11 318 1868	Midrand	U\$ 214	4 Star
Centurion Lake Hotel	+27 12 643 3600	Centurion	U\$ 173	4 Star
Protea Hotel	+27 12 663 8700	Centurion	U\$ 160	4 Star

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Waterfront Centurion ESKOM Convention Centre Midrand	+27 11 651 6694	Midrand		
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9.5.2 **Metered taxis:** There are conventional metered taxis, but unlike in many other countries these do not cruise the streets in search of passengers, and must generally be summonsed by telephone. Major hotels do often reserve bays for taxi companies, however, and in those that don't, reception staff can quickly make arrangements for visitors.

9.5.3 **Railway system:** The metro railway system is the cheapest form of transport connecting central Johannesburg to Soweto, Pretoria and the Witwatersrand.

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12.2 Visas are considered by the S.A Missions abroad and must be affixed in the applicant passport before departing to the RSA because they are not issued on arrival at South African ports of entry and it can only be obtained from S.A Mission / Consular Representative where the applicant is either a Citizen or Permanent Residence of that specific country. Applicants arriving without visas will be refused entry into R.SA , placed on return flights in terms of legislation and penalty of R10 000,00 will be issued to that Airline. No fixed travel arrangements must be made prior to the issuing of the visa and 5 – 10 days must be allowed for the processing of an application. Applications lodged at a place other than the S.A Missions/Diplomatic or Consular Representative may take longer processing time.

12.3 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

12.4 An acceptable passport / travel document to be valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of the intended stay and containing at least 1 unused page when presenting it for endorsements.

A valid visa, if required

12.5. Sufficient funds

Visa applications and passports may be forwarded to the relevant South Africa Mission by courier service or travel agent. Applications should be accompanied with the necessary visa fees (47 US Dollar) in respect of countries whose passport holders are subject to visa fees.

Passport / Travel Document Holders Who Are Exempt From
Visas For South Africa

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Austria
Belgium
Botswana
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Czech Republic
Denmark
Ecuador
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Iceland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Liechtenstein
Luxemburg
Malta
Monaco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Paraguay
Portugal
San Marino
Singapore
Spain
St Vincent & the Grenadines
Sweden
Switzerland

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, British Islands Bailiwick of Guernsey and Jersey, Isle of Man and Virgin Islands, Republic of Ireland, and British Overseas Territories

Note that a national of the following countries **do require a visa**: British Dependent Territories, including Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, St Helena, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the Sovereign Base Area of Akrotiri and Dhekelia and the Turks and Caicos Island.

Uruguay
Venezuela
United States of America

The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) / travel document of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor s permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of **30 days** or less and when in transit:

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Egypt	(30 days)	Slovenia	(120 days)
Guinea	(90 days)	Tanzania	(90 days)
Hungary	(120 days)	Thailand	(90 days)
India			
Ivory Coast	(30 days)	Tunisia	(90 days)
Kenya	(30 days)	Vietnam	(90 days)
Mexico	(90 days)		(90 days)

Notwithstanding this Schedule, a foreigner whose visa exemption has been withdrawn shall comply with the visa requirements until notified by the Department that his or her visa exemption has been re-instated by the Department on petition or of its own accord.

Visas are not required by passport holders of Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Malawi who are entering the Republic as commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers provide their visits do not exceed 15 days and on condition that they can produce a letter confirming their employment with a transport company on entry.

Staff members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) who travel on SADC laissez-passers are exempt from visa requirements for bona fide official business visits up to 90 days and transit.

Holders of United Nations (UN) laissez-passers are exempt from visa requirements when visiting the Republic for periods not exceeding 90 days for purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued, and for official business purposes and transits and when accredited for placement at a UN mission in the Republic for the duration of their accreditation. Volunteers attached to UN agencies and travelling on ordinary passports are exempt from visa requirements, provided they are in possession of the relevant letters or identification documents to identify themselves at ports of entry as personnel of an UN agency.

13. MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Customs Authorities at points of departure where the VAT Refund Administrator is not present.

14.2 **Who Can Claim?**

Foreign passport holders (South African Passport holders are excluded from the Scheme) who travel to the Republic of South Africa on a non-resident travel document and export moveable goods from the Republic of South Africa.

14.3 **How to Go About Claiming Your Refund**

Simply identify yourself as a tourist to shop assistants, and request a tax invoice for

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- It is further possible to have the form stamped at any South African Representation Office abroad (Embassy - High Commission - Consulate)

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17. OTHER FACTS OF INTEREST

POPULATION: 45.3 million

CAPITAL: Pretoria, with Cape Town as the legislative capital

LARGEST CITY: Johannesburg

AREA: 1.22 million sq km (470.693 sq miles)

MAJOR LANGUAGES: 11 official languages, including English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Xhosa, Zulu etc.

MAJOR RELIGIONS: Christianity, Islam and indigenous beliefs

MONETARY UNIT: 1Rand = 100 cents

MAIN EXPORTS: Gold, diamond, metals, minerals, machines

GNI PER CAPITA: US \$4,960 (Word Bank 2006)

INTERNET DOMAIN: .za

INTERNATIONAL DIALLING CODE: +27 (0027)