

# Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)

Cape Town, South Africa  
June 9-11, 2008



## Practical Information for self-sponsored participants (as of May 28)

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**Please read thoroughly**

**This note contains important information about your participation at ABCDE South Africa**

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### **ABCDE Venue**

Cape Town International Convention Center (CTICC)  
Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town 8001 South Africa  
Telephone: 27 21 410 5000; Fax: 27 21 410 5001

**Opening Session:** Monday, June 9 at 09:00 am in Auditorium 2. Please arrive at least 30 minutes in advance in order to register.

If you have questions about the conference, please contact the conference organizers as indicated below. Please do not contact the convention center directly.

### **Travel & Visas**

Travel is at the responsibility and expense of the participant. It is also each traveler's responsibility to ensure that s/he has the necessary visas for entry into South Africa as well as any transit countries en route.

### **Airport Transfer**

#### **Shuttle bus**

Upon arrival in Cape Town, there will be a free shuttle from the airport to conference-related hotels within a 5 km radius of the CTICC; however, to take advantage of this all self-paid participants must book in advance through the following email address: [abcdetransport@treasury.gov.za](mailto:abcdetransport@treasury.gov.za). Please include your date and time of arrival as well as your flight number in the request.

**Please note: the shuttle will ONLY be available for flights arriving and departing between 8 – 12 June. Should your flight be outside these dates, kindly refer to the taxi service guide below.**

Upon arriving at the airport, please make your way to the transport hospitality desk at either domestic or international arrivals at the Cape Town International Airport. These desks are clearly branded with ABCDE banners.

#### Taxi and airport transfers

If your flight arrives before June 8 or if you prefer to take a taxi, the official airport taxi company is Touch Down Taxis. It costs approximately ZAR 250 (around 30 USD) to get from the airport to the centre of Cape Town.

Departure shuttles can be organized on-site during the conference (at the transport desk located in the registration foyer at the CTICC), provided delegates flight is on or before June 12 and the hotel is within a 5 km radius of the CTICC. Should your flight be after this date, you may arrange airport transfers via your hotel.

#### Accommodation

Accommodation is at the expense of the participants and should be arranged by each delegate.

#### Meals

Breakfast is included with most hotel reservations. Muffins and coffee will also be served during breakfast sessions at the conference venue.

Buffet lunches will be provided on Monday, June 9; Tuesday, June 10 and Wednesday, June 11 in the lobby area of the conference venue.

A welcome cocktail will be held on Sunday, June 8 at The Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays hotel. The Westin hotel is adjacent the CTICC.

The Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays  
Convention Square, Cape Town 8000, South Africa  
Telephone: 27 21 412 9999  
The hotel is adjacent to the convention center.

The evening meal on Monday, June 9, will be independent.

There will be a Gala Dinner on Tuesday, June 10 at the CTICC.

**All meal locations will be indicated in the program that you will receive as part of your conference pack.**

#### Registration & Conference Materials

Advance registration will take place on Sunday, June 8 at The Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays. Registration will also take place on Monday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 10 from 07:30 to 09:00 am at the CTICC. Conference badges and materials will be provided at these times. Please allow at least 30 minutes for security checks and registration on Monday.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Weather:** The winter months, June – August, provide Cape Town weather conditions ranging from dry and warm to wet and cold. Temperatures generally range from 2°-20°C (35°-68°F), with late sunrises and early sunsets. Cape Town experiences a winter rainfall. It can also be very windy. For more information, you may use the following website: <http://www.capetown-traveladviser.com/cape-town-weather.html>

**Foreign Exchange Facilities:** There is an ATM machine at the CTICC and an international currency exchange is also available at most hotels. ZAR 100 equals approximately 13 USD or 8 EURO. For exchange rates with other currencies, you may use the following website: <http://www.xe.com>

**Internet Access:** Internet access (wired or wireless) is available in most hotels. The conference venue is also equipped with wireless, for participants arriving with their own laptops. You can purchase vouchers at the conference venue, or use the business center which provides internet access, printing and copying facilities etc. for a small fee.

**Tours:** Tours can be arranged through most hotels (Cape Point, vineyards, etc.) Please check with reception. These tours will be at your own expense.

**Medical facilities: for emergencies,** there is a health clinic located at the convention center.

### **Important phone numbers:**

Police/ fire: 10111

Medical: 10177

### **One emergency number to call from cell phones: 112 (toll free)**

Cape Town International Convention Center (CTICC): +27 21 410 5000

The Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays hotel: +27 21 412 9999

Cape Town International Airport:

Information desk: +27 (0) 11 921 6262

Flight information: +27 (0)86 727 7888

## **Questions**

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact:

By email prior to the conference:

Ms. Anna Kuznicka, World Bank, [abcdeglobal@worldbank.org](mailto:abcdeglobal@worldbank.org)

By phone during the conference:

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**Thank you**  
**We look forward to seeing you in Cape Town**