



Forum on **Internet Freedom** in Africa **2017**

September 27 to 29, 2017 Johannesburg, South Africa

Travel Note

Thank you for confirming your presence and participation at the Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa 2017 (FIFAfrica17). To ensure a hassle-free trip, take note of the recommendations below.

Event Venue

FIFAfrica17 will take place at the **Sunnyside Park Hotel** located at Princess of Wales Terrace & Carse O'Gowrie Road, Parktown, Johannesburg, 2041. <https://www.legacyhotels.co.za/en/hotels/sunnyside>

Flights

If you are being sponsored by CIPESA, your travel itinerary will be shared with you. Please note that any requests for changes to issued bookings should be made directly with the airline. Any charges incurred for amendments or changes to booking shall be at individual personal cost.

Visa

Please refer to the [General information about South African Visas](#) issued by the Home Affairs Department to establish the requirements for visa applications. Please ensure that you apply for the correct visa/permit as entry into the country may be refused if the purpose of visit was not correctly stated. Please consult your local South Africa embassy or consulate for details on application procedure and fees. Visa fees for sponsored delegates shall be refunded upon submission of an original receipt.

A number of citizens including those from Southern Africa, the Americas, the UK and most of the European Union are [exempt](#) from visas for South Africa. It is important to ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months before travelling.

When traveling please remember to carry your passport, a copy of your electronic ticket and itinerary, a yellow fever certificate, your letter of invitation and this logistics advisory.

Airport transfers

Local transport to/from airport (Home country): International participants are responsible for local transport to/from the airport in their home countries.

Transport to/from airport (OR Tambo International Airport): Airport pickups and drop-offs have been arranged for speakers and sponsored participants. For international arrivals please look for someone holding a sign with the FIFAfrica logo in the public arrivals hall near the information desk.

Participants who are not sponsored by CIPESA are advised to arrange their own transport from the airport to the Forum venue or pre-arranged accommodation.

- Taxify and Uber are operational in South Africa.
- The gautrain offers service between OR Tambo airport and Park Station, where you can catch a taxi to Sunnyside Hotel <http://www.gautrain.co.za/>
- If you opt to use a cab from one of those stationed at the airport your fee should not exceed USD 55.

If you are uncertain about your ground transportation upon arrival at OR Tambo airport please ask for guidance from the information desk at the international public arrivals hall.

Accommodation

Sponsored participants will be accommodated at the same hotel as the event venue i.e. **Sunnyside Park Hotel**.

Additional rooms have been secured for self-sponsoring participants, at a rate of R1270 (USD 95) per night for bed and breakfast. Please use the code: **2140839** and email lsauvage@legacyhotels.co.za to make your reservation.

Other hotels nearby to **Sunnyside Park Hotel** include:

- Garden Court Milpark, \$109 USD per night <https://www.tsogosun.com/garden-court-milpark>
- Protea Hotel Parktonian \$88 USD per night <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jnbpa-protea-hotel-johannesburg-parktonian-all-suite/>

Accommodation for CIPESA sponsored participants is booked on a bed and breakfast basis for the duration of your stay. Individual hotel expenses, including, international and local telephone calls, laundry, fax, use of the mini bar, and all other additional drinks and meals **MUST** be paid for on an individual basis prior to checking out of the hotel. Please clarify with hotel staff about your free and complimentary service entitlements before placing an order.

Expenses

Participants are responsible for all expenses related to their conference attendance. Sponsored participants will receive a modest Daily Subsistence allowance (DSA) for meals and other incidentals not provided. Other participants are advised to carry enough funds to facilitate the duration of their stay in Johannesburg.

Local Currency

The currency of South Africa is the Rand (ZAR). The current exchange rate is about ZAR 13.00 to 1.00 US dollar. Indicative exchange rates are available at the Reserve Bank of South Africa website

Currencies can be converted at the airport or at the hotel. There are various ATM facilities located in shopping arcades and petrol stations close to the hotel. Please note that most ATMs accept major credit/debit cards including Visa, Master Card, Maestro and American Express.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Yellow Fever Certificate

A Yellow Fever certificate is mandatory for arriving passengers. All travellers are advised to take the vaccination.

Travel medical insurance

We recommend that all participants obtain travel insurance for their trip which covers the date of departure from home country until the date of return. For personal health needs, remember to carry your own medication.

Weather and What to pack

Johannesburg will be early into Spring weather at the time of the Forum. Summer wear and light clothing will keep you comfortable during the day, however we recommend to bring a jacket and warm clothing for the evening and early morning.

Communication

Should you wish to get a local sim card, there are a variety of options including MTN, Cell C, Telkom Mobile, Virgin and Vodacom. Proof of Identity such as a passport will be required to acquire a local number.

Internet

All rooms at the recommended hotels have internet access. During the Forum, the venue will also have wireless Internet Access.

Food

South Africa boasts a variety of foods due to the diversity of cultures found in the country. Should you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us by September 25, 2017.

Electricity and electrical outlets

Electricity in South Africa is 240 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to South Africa with a device that does not accept 240 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter. See more about plug types here



A South African plug typically has three round pins. If your appliances plug has a different shape, you may need an adapter.

Contact details

If you have any queries or in case of emergency, please do not hesitate to contact CIPESA and APC.

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We look forward to seeing you at **#FIFAfrica17** and wish you an enjoyable stay in Johannesburg, South Africa.