

Accelerating the Impact of HIV Programming on Health Systems Strengthening

Pre-Conference Meeting of Health Systems Experts,
HIV Researchers and Implementers

Cape Town, South Africa, 17 - 18 July 2009

Meeting Logistics

IAS HIV and Health Systems Strengthening Pre-Conference Venue

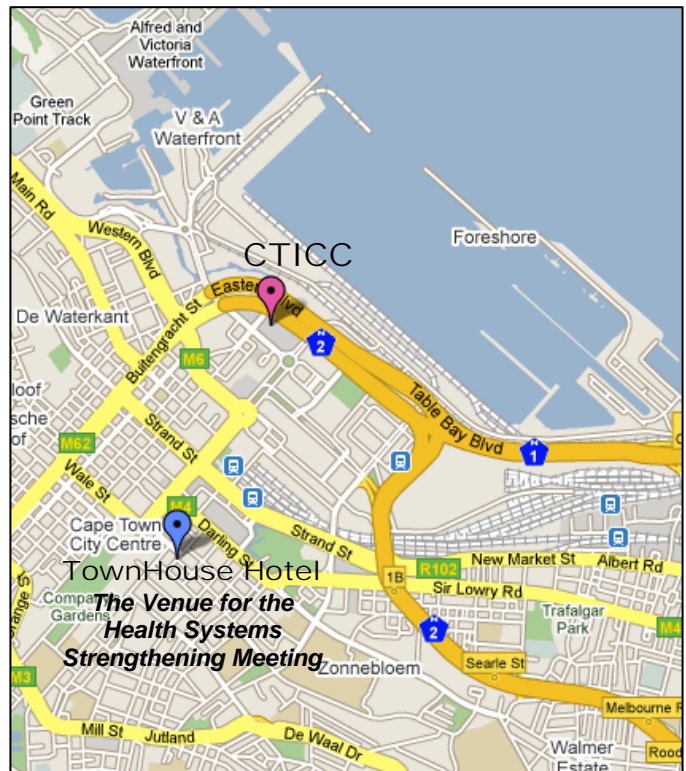
The TownHouse Hotel

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<http://www.townhouse.co.za/>

IAS 2009 Conference Venue

The TownHouse hotel is within close walking distance from the main IAS Conference site, the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). The CTICC is a disabled-friendly venue; for more information on the convention centre, please visit www.cticc.co.za.

Find [here](#) an interactive map of both the TownHouse Hotel and CTICC.



IAS Conference Registration

Registration for IAS 2009 can be [accomplished online](#) in advance or on site at the conference. Please be reminded to have a piece of personal identification such as a passport with you at the time of registration.

PLEASE NOTE: We encourage all participants of the *HIV and Health Systems Strengthening meeting* to register for the overall conference.

Arrival and Airport Transfers

Cape Town International Airport is served by 20 international airlines, and is in the same time zone as Europe. Once in the Cape, getting around is simple and convenient, via Yellow or Green Taxis or coach, by train or on foot or even by the Roggebaai canal, Cape Town's newest transport option.

Hotel Accommodation

The IAS is pleased to recommend several hotels in Cape Town for participants in addition to the TownHouse hotel. A complete listing can be found [here](#), or from the [IAS 2009 Conference homepage](#).

Visas and Vaccinations

You are responsible for obtaining any visas or vaccinations which may be necessary for this travel; requirements are summarized [here](#). Visas must be obtained from your place of origin, and ***no visas will be available upon arrival***. IAS will happily provide an invitation with which to obtain your visa. While no vaccinations are mandated, travelers may need to present a Yellow Fever inoculation certificate when coming from an endemic area. Furthermore, typhoid and Hepatitis A vaccinations are recommended.

Medical Care and Services

Please do inform IAS of any known medical conditions in advance so that we may ensure safe and comfortable accommodations in Cape Town. The CTICC refers to the Medi-Travel International (MTI). The MTI is located in the Clock Tower Precinct at the V&A Waterfront, and it caters to both local and international clients. The MTI centre offers a casualty service for medical emergencies, a health care service and a registered travel clinic service. South Africa's tap water is potable, particularly in large urban areas, but it is safer to check with your hotel first.

Security and Safety in Cape Town

Cape Town is largely a safe and friendly city, but as in any major city of the world, general safety precautions should be taken. We remind participants to take care with personal possessions, to avoid leaving valuables unattended, and to carry a copy of your passport at all times. Do not walk in deserted areas, especially after dark. Hotel reception staff will gladly identify areas that should be avoided.

Weather

Cape Town can be quite cool during July, with temperatures ranging from 7°C (45°F) to 18°C (64°F). Click [here](#) for specific climate details and forecasts.

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The event homepage, <http://www.iasociety.org/healthsystems2009.aspx>, will be updated periodically.