

V BRICS Legal Forum

23 – 24 August 2018 | Cape Town | South Africa



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Dear Delegate

V BRICS LEGAL FORUM CONFERENCE | 23 – 24 AUGUST 2018

This year, it is the Law Society of South Africa's great privilege to host the prestigious **BRICS Legal Forum*** conference. We will be welcoming international delegates from the Brazilian Bar Association, Association of Lawyers of Russia, Bar Association of India, China Law Society, and East China University of Political Science and Law.

The **2-day conference** is being held in Cape Town at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). Below, please find some information about your destination, conference centre, VISA requirements and accommodation.

** Established in 2014, the BRICS Legal Forum provides legal framework for political, economic and cultural development of its member countries.*

To receive a notification when the conference registration opens, please [click here](#).

CONFERENCE THEMES

This high-level dialogue platform promotes communication, understanding and cooperation among **legal professionals, government officials and entrepreneurs** within the member BRICS countries. Following on from declarations at previous events held in Brazil, China, India and Russia, the legal forum will focus on the following themes: **Arbitration; Contracts; Taxation; and the processes and functioning of the BRICS Dispute Resolution Centres.**

REGISTRATION FEE

International delegates: **\$300.00 per person**

South African delegates: **R2000.00 per person**

ABOUT CAPE TOWN

The beautiful city of Cape Town, on the slopes of Table Mountain, is a stunning setting for the conference experience. Throughout the year, Cape Town welcomes delegates from around the world, with many international airlines offering direct flights to Cape Town or flights connecting in Johannesburg.

August is winter in Cape Town, and you can expect beautiful, wind-free days, with temperatures in the region of 18 degrees during the day, going down to about 7 degrees at night.

The Western Cape, in particular Cape Town, is currently experiencing a drought. The City of Cape Town has, over the past year, implemented various measures towards water saving efforts/reduction of water consumption. Recent winter rains have brought great relief, however, above average rainfall is required for the next 3 years in order to see normalcy. You are encouraged to be mindful of this situation and assist with efforts towards saving water. The majority of the major businesses in the City Centre, including hotels and conference venue already have programs running that form part of water saving initiatives.

Please refer to [Cape Town Tourism](#) for additional information.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)

Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town



The CTICC is a multi-purpose conference and exhibition centre in the hub of Cape Town's business and entertainment centre. It offers an extensive range of premium venues, advanced technology services and facilities. The venue has played host to prominent global conferences, trade shows, concerts and celebrated stage productions.

Please refer to [CTICC website](#) for additional information.

WHERE TO STAY

The Cape Town International Convention Centre is located in the heart of Cape Town's central business district. It is close to some of Cape Town's best hotels and attractions. Please refer to **pages 4 – 6** for information on **well-known hotels** nearby to the CTICC. On **page 7**, you will find a summary of the cost per person per night in Rands for each hotel.

Please note

- The rates have been provided by the individual hotels and the LSSA cannot be held liable for any changes in rates.
- All hotels are highly regarded and are rated at either 4 or 5 stars.
- The rates per night are based on accommodation from 22 – 26 August 2018 based on a Bed and Breakfast tariff.
- Most hotels offer complementary WIFI access for in-house guests.
- Most of the listed hotels have in-house shuttle services available or have arrangements with different shuttle service/cab (meter taxi services). Arrange for airport transfers via the relevant hotel, alternatively visit the [Cape Town Tourism](#) website for a list of reputable shuttle service companies.

How to book your accommodation online

- When you book, please notify the hotel that you are attending the V BRICS Legal forum conference. The hotel will then provide you with a link to book direct through the hotel infrastructure.
- Cut-off dates have been provided on page 8 by which time you need to please have booked your accommodation to ensure room availability.
- Please note that the rates of the rooms are not guaranteed after the cut-off dates.

HOTELS

HOTELS NEAR THE CTICC WITH PREFERENTIAL RATES

1. The Westin | [Website](#)

Address: Convention Square, Lower Long Street, Cape Town, 8000

Phone: +27 21 412 9999

Rates include breakfast

R2 200 per room per night (Deluxe Single)	R2550 per room per night (Deluxe Double)
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[Book via website](#)



2. Pepperclub Hotel & Spa | [Website](#) | [Directions](#)

5-star hotel

Address: Loop St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8005

Phone: +27 21 812 8888

Offers complimentary scheduled shuttle service to and from CTICC/Waterfront vicinity.

Rates include breakfast

R1 700 Single Deluxe/Superior Deluxe	R2190 One Bedroom Suite (Double)
R1 850 Double Deluxe/Superior Deluxe	R3 190 Two Bedroom Suite
R1 990 One Bedroom Suite (Single)	

[Click here to book](#) (Promotional Code: BLFPCH)



3. Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence | [Website](#) | [Directions](#)

5-star hotel

Address: 22 Riebeeck St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000

Phone: +27 21 467 4000

[Rates include breakfast](#)

R1720 (single)	R2 175 Business Class Single
R1875 (double)	R2 400 Business Class Double

[Click here to book](#)



4. Protea Hotel Victoria Junction | [Website](#) | [Directions](#)

4-star hotel

Address: Somerset Rd & Ebenezer Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8002

Phone: +27 21 418 1234

[Rates include breakfast](#)

R1 200 (standard room)	R1 595 (standard double)
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[Click here to book](#)



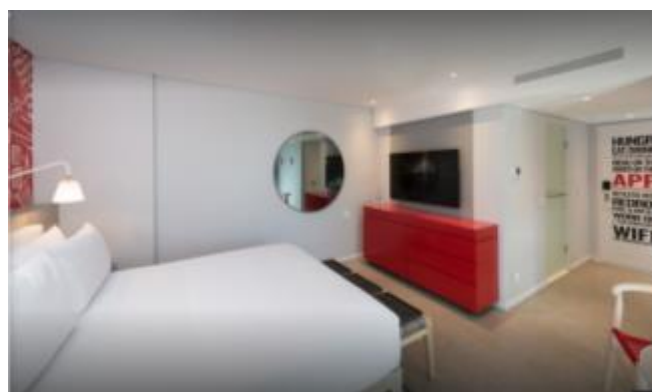
5. Radisson RED V&A Waterfront | [Website](#) | [Directions](#)

4-star hotel

Address: Silo 6, Silo Square, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001

Phone: 087 086 1578

[Click here to book](#) (Promotional Code: BRICS)



HOTELS NEAR THE CTICC WITH GREAT REPUTATIONS

Southern Sun The Cullinan | [Website](#) | [Directions](#)

4-star hotel

Address: 1 Cullinan St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8001

Phone: +27 21 415 4000



Southern Sun SunSquare | [Website](#) | [Directions](#)

4-star hotel

Address: 6 Mill Street, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001

Phone: +27 21 465 1311



Southern Sun Cape Sun | [Website](#) | [Directions](#)

4-star hotel

Address: 23 Strand St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000

Phone: +27 21 488 5100

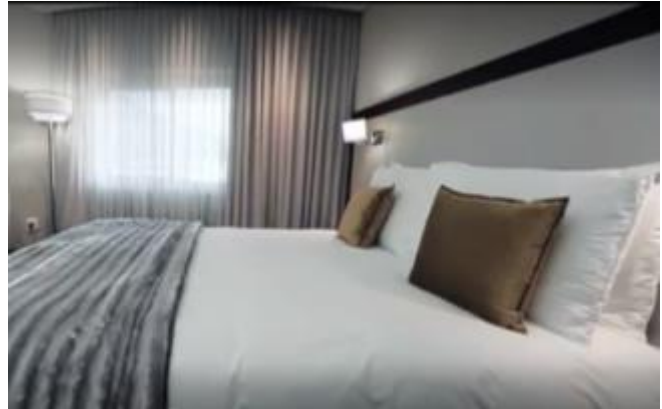


Southern Sun Waterfront | Website | Directions

4-star hotel

Address: 1 Lower Buitengracht, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8001

Phone: +27 21 409 4000



MORE GREAT HOTELS NEAR THE CTICC

1. Protea Hotel Cape Town North Wharf
2. Park Inn by Radisson
3. Hilton Hotel Cape Town
4. Taj Hotel
5. City Lodge Hotel V&A Waterfront

REGISTRATIONS TO OPEN SOON



For more information on the V BRICS Legal Forum conference in 2018, please contact Ros Elphick (info@bricslegalforum2018.org | ros@LSSA.org.za).

We look forward to seeing you in August 2018

Disclaimer

The Law Society of South Africa and affiliates accepts no liability for any personal injury, loss or damage of property belonging to or additional expenses incurred by conference participants either during the conference or as result of delays, strikes or any other circumstances. Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

HOTELS NEAR THE CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

No	Name of Hotel	Star Rating	Proximity to CTICC	Rooms available Type 1	Rate per night	Rooms available & cut-off date	Rooms available Type 2	Rate per night	Rooms available Type 3	Rate per night
1.	The Westin Website	5	Walkway to CTICC	Deluxe Single	R2 200 per room per night (Deluxe single) R2550 per room per night (Deluxe Double)	50				
3.	Pepperclub Hotel & Spa Website	5	11 min drive 22min walk	Standard		50				
4.	Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence Website	5	4 min drive 10 min walk	Standard	R1 720 per room per night (single) R1 875 per room per night (double)	100	Business Class	R2 175 per room per night (single) R2 400 per room per night (double)		
5.	Protea Hotel Victoria Junction Website	4	7 min drive 18 min walk	Standard	R1 300 per room per night (single) R1 695 per room per night (double)	30				
6.	Radisson Red Website	4	6 min drive 15 min walk	Single	R1 700 per room per night (single) R1 900 per room per night (double)	30	Studio Mountain	R2 300 per room per night (single) R2 500per room per night (double)		
6.	Southern Sun The Cullinan Website	4	3 min (drive) 6 min (walk)	Standard	Standard rate	75				
7.	Southern Sun SunSquare Website	4	8 min (drive) 17 min (walk)	Standard	Standard rate	50				
8.	Southern Sun Cape Sun Website	4	7 min drive 14 min walk	Standard	Standard rate	75				
9	Southern Sun Waterfront Website	4	8 min drive 8 min walk	Standard	Standard rate	75				

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ATMs, Banks, Currency

The unit of currency in South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR) and is indicated with a capital "R".. South Africa has a decimal currency system with one Rand equalling 100 cents. Denomination of Rand notes are R200, R100, R50, R20, and R10.

Facilities for cashing traveller's cheques are available at banks (operating hours are Monday – Friday 09:00 – 15:30, Saturdays 08:30 – 11:00) and at most hotels. Banks are closed on Sundays. Foreign exchange agencies are open during the week and on Saturdays. Automatic teller machines (ATM) are open 24 hours and are located at many locations around Cape Town. International credit cards (Visa, Diners Club, MasterCard and American Express) are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and shops.

Disabled Travellers

An increasing number of hotels have wheelchair ramps and bathroom facilities for the disabled and most public buildings also cater for wheelchair access. Should you have any special requirements, please email the LSSA and we will do our best to ensure that you have the most comfortable stay possible.

Driving

In South African, we drive on the left hand side of the road. Overseas visitors intending to drive are required to obtain an international drivers permit. Visitors will also not be able to rent a car without a valid driver's permit. The wearing of seatbelts is compulsory and strictly enforced by law. Speaking on mobile phones whilst driving is only allowed via a hands-free kit.

South Africa has strict drinking and driving laws - with a maximum allowable alcohol blood content of 0.05%. Translated that means about one glass of wine for the average woman and perhaps 1.5 for the average or large man. Our speed limits are 120kmph on the open road, 100kmph on smaller roads and between 60 and 80kmph in towns.

Electricity

The electricity supply in South Africa is 220 – 240 volts, 50 Hz. The connection for appliances is a round three-pin plug. Most hotels provide dual-voltage two-pin razor sockets (100-120 volts and 220-240 volts).

Health

Visitors who are entering South Africa from a yellow fever zone must have a valid international yellow fever inoculation certificate. Cape Town is a malaria risk free area. South African doctors and dentists are highly-trained professionals and hospitals are well equipped.

Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements with respect to health insurance prior to departure and consult their local general practitioner for personal expert advice. For international travel and health advisories please visit the WHO website at www.who.int/ith or www.cdc.org.

Smoking is prohibited by law in most public buildings in South Africa (airports, venues, restaurants etc.) except in designated smoking areas.

Internet access

Delegates will be given free wireless. Some hotels charge for Internet access. Please check before you book.

Language

The official language of the conference is English.

Mobile phones

South Africa has three mobile operators: Vodacom, MTN, CellC. Roaming mobile network services are available in South Africa.

Security

Cape Town is like any other major town with good and bad areas. Common sense will ensure a trouble free and enjoyable conference and vacation. We advise that you do not walk alone after dark in unpopulated streets and be careful about how much photographic equipment or jewellery you carry.

Time Differences

South Africa operates two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time throughout the year, making it an hour ahead of Central European Winter Time, seven hours ahead of Eastern Standard Winter Time and seven hours behind Australian Central Time.

Tipping

Gratuities are expected in South Africa. A guideline for visitors is the following: Airport porters ZAR10.00 per item, taxis 10%, waiters and waitresses in restaurants between 10% and 15%. Car guards normally get a few Rand for their services.

VAT / Tax Refunds

VAT of 15% is levied on nearly all goods and services. Foreign tourists may claim back VAT paid on items that will be taken out of the country. Original tax invoices, foreign passport, plus all the items on which a refund is claimed, must be presented at the VAT Refund Administration Office or an appointed RSA Customs and Excise Official at your airport of departure from South Africa, and the total VAT on these items will be refunded.

Visa Information

To find out if you need a visa to visit South Africa, please visit the South African Home affairs website: <http://www.dha.gov.za/>. It is important to check on the current status of visa requirements as there have been a number of changes since 2014 – especially the introduction of new laws pertaining to travelling with children.

For delegates who require visas, the LSSA will be able to provide a confirmation letter of attendance. This letter will be supplied once the delegate has registered and paid for the conference in full. Please supply your passport number, date of birth, birth name on the passport and physical address that we may include this on the invitation letter. **See Visa requirements by country**

Useful links

Airports	www.airports.co.za
Cape Town Tourism	www.capetown.travel
South Africa Tourism	www.southafrica.net
South Africa Info	www.southafrica.info
V & A Waterfront	www.waterfront.co.za
Weather	www.weathersa.co.za

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