



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear friends and colleagues

We are pleased to announce that the registration and abstract submission for the 19th Biennial International Conference on Accelerator and Large Experimental Physics Control System Conference (ICALEPCS) 2023 is now open. On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, the International Scientific Advisory Committee, the International Executive Committee and the Programme Committee for ICALEPCS, we have the pleasure of inviting you to participate. The conference will be held at Century City Convention Centre, Cape Town South Africa from the 09 – 13 October 2023.

This year's conference holds a priceless moment in history for us (especially the organising committee) since it is the first time that it is being hosted in Africa since its inception. For some it also presents a nostalgic feeling, being able to travel again after a period of uncertainty on resumption of collocated meetings. As such, this conference offers a fresh start and we get to meet again in person to discuss innovations and fashion collaborations from the various meetings.

In recent decades several instruments have come online to conduct different experiments to test and enable us to glean more insight into theories and improve our understanding of the Universe at large. The MeerKAT dishes in South Africa make a star appearance, contributing towards this goal of ground-breaking science, with its highly sensitive receivers for radio wave observations. The need for equally matching control system software in scale and performance cannot be emphasised enough with the arrival of these powerful instruments. This sets the stage to introduce the theme for this year's conference as "Accelerating Control Systems Software for Ground-breaking Science". As we share our improvements and advances in our work with the community, we have a unique learning opportunity to be equipped to produce novel work and support the effort to churn out ground-breaking scientific work.

Visitors will find Cape Town a vibrant, trendy, sophisticated, well connected and stunningly attractive city. Indeed South Africa's top six tourist attractions are within an hour from the city centre. Cape Town has a history of hosting big events and accommodating large numbers of international guests in world class facilities. South Africa is a multicultural destination with a rich history and a unique peaceful, political transformation. In our country there is a heady, exciting mix of tourist and entertainment possibilities. With a distinctive African footprint, a unique fauna and flora in a dramatically beautiful physical environment, you will be well advised to extend your stay beyond the conference to explore our country and our continent.

We are confident that the scientific programme will be very informative and stimulating, the social activities will promote lasting friendships and that the conference tours will give you the opportunity to explore our wonderful country.

ABOUT CAPE TOWN

The City of Cape Town is where the people are the real stars that make all our attractions shine. Whether you want to climb mountains or spend the day on one of our many Blue Flag beaches, drink wine in the most picturesque vineyards or dine at some of our world-class restaurants, you will find it all in Cape Town. Take some time to wander through our colourful markets, be prepared to shop up a storm in our multi-award-winning city. We are proud of our heritage, our diversity, and our wide range of sights and attractions, and love sharing them with the many visitors to our shores.

Please enjoy your stay, and if you don't get to do it all, we hope that we can welcome you back soon.



ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is a year-round destination thanks to its many regional climates. Therefore, choosing when to visit the country depends on what you want to do here.

There are many great national parks where you can go on a safari, but by far the most famous one is the Kruger National Park. One of Africa's largest parks – spanning over 19,633 square kilometres in surface area – the Kruger is also a family-friendly park, great for the young ones to visit and learn about wildlife in a fun way. You can stop along the way to hike scenic trails or visit museums which depict the rich history of the country.





ABOUT CENTURY CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

When it comes to conference centres in Cape Town, you are spoiled for choice. If you are trying to decide which of the many facilities to book situated in and around the Western Cape that will cater to all your event needs and more, Century City's Conference Centre stands out as being one of the best that Cape Town has to offer.

An award-winning function venue that is versatile, high-tech, personal, fully equipped and sustainable, Century City Conference Centre boasts an ideal central location at the heart of Cape Town's vibrant Century City precinct, and is conveniently situated close to all of the Mother City's key travel services and attractions.

We deliver a comprehensive, all-inclusive solution for the conferencing and event requirements of corporate clients and professional bodies, in a first-world new urban environment, right in the middle of one of the world's favourite destination cities.

Voted as Africa's most sustainable venue in 2019, Century City Conference Centre is the only conference centre in Cape Town that has been developed as part of a mixed-use development with the award of a 4-Star Green Star Certification by the Green Building Council of South Africa.

We accommodate up to 1900 guests across 20 different thoughtfully-designed spaces boasting bold architecture, strong colours and unique artworks. We do conventions with a difference and provide the ideal location for all types of events, corporate conferences, exhibitions, product expos, gala dinners, concerts and much more... the possibilities are endless!



CONFERENCE IMPORTANT DATES

01 February 2023	Registration open	
01 February 2023	Abstract submissions open	
31 March 2023	Early bird registration close	
30 April 2023	Abstract submissions close	
19 - 20 June 2023	Programme committee meets to finalise abstracts	

CONFERENCE IMPORTANT DATES

Registration fees are in South African currency (ZAR) and include Value Added Tax (VAT) of 15%

REGISTRATION TYPE	INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES	AFRICA DELEGATES	STUDENTS
Early registration	R16 500	R11 000	R5 000
Regular registration	R17 500	R13 000	R6 000
Late registration	R19 000	R15 000	R7 000
Day registration 1-day	R4 000	R4 000	R2 000
Workshop	R2 500	R2 500	R2 500
Gala dinner	R1 000	R1 000	R1 000
Technical tour iThemba LABS	R650	R650	R650

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENTS

- 1. Entrance to conference sessions and exhibition
- 2. Welcome reception
- 3. Tea & coffee during breaks
- 4. Lunch during conference
- 5. Delegate bag
- 6. Delegate badge

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registered delegates unable to attend the 19th Biennial ICALEPCS 2023 Conference will be entitled to a full refund (less 10% for administrative charges), provided that the Conference Secretariat receives a written request by 31 May 2023. All cancellations request received between 1 June 2023 to 1 August 2023, a full refund will be given less a 50% cancellation / administration fee. The organisers regret that refunds will not be considered for requests received after this date. All approved refunds will be issued after the Conference.



ABSTRACTS

The 19th Biennial ICALEPCS 2023 Conference Programme Committee now invites the submission of the abstracts for presentation as oral communications or posters.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Authors may submit abstracts online on the conference website at www.icalepcs2023.
org. Please direct any questions to the Secretariat at icalepcs@sarao.ac.za. Please note that only electronic submissions will be accepted.

GENERAL POLICIES

- All abstracts to be submitted in English.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent in June 2023.
- Authors whose abstracts are accepted must register for the conference before 30 August 2023. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the programme.
- Previously published abstracts should not be submitted.
- Submissions not conforming to the guidelines will not be reviewed.



EXHIBITION AND SPONSORSHIP

EXHIBITION

A trade and industry exhibition be held over the five days of the 19th Biennial ICALEPCS 2023 Conference in the Century City Conference Centre.

This is an ideal opportunity for companies and institutions wishing to showcase or introduce their products and services to an enthusiastic audience. We aim to attract 350 international delegates to this conference. This is a unique opportunity to highlight the most contemporary research and technological developments and review cutting edge international experience.

The purpose of the ICALEPCS 2023 exhibition is to provide an opportunity to expand the educational nature of the conference, by informing delegates of new and improving technologies, equipment, products, and services in the field of accelerator and large experimental physics and control systems.

All exhibition space/booths are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To guarantee favourable positioning, it is suggested that exhibition space is reserved early.



SPONSORSHIP

The 19th Biennial ICALEPCS 2023 Conference presents a unique opportunity to showcase your company's brand, products and services to a captive audience from the global accelerator and large experimental physics and control systems community. There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available to suit all needs and budgets.

For further information about the exhibition and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.icalepcs2023.org and download the Exhibition and Sponsorship Prospectus.

CONTACT DETAILS Contact the Conference Secretariat if you need further information. Tourvest Incentive Meetings and Events

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