



**8<sup>th</sup> Africa Agribusiness  
and Science Week**

**9<sup>th</sup> FARA General Assembly**



**Durban, South Africa**

**5th - 8th June 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> CCARDESA General Assembly**

**Registration, Travel & Hotel  
Guide**



**We look forward to your participation at AASW8 in Durban, South Africa.**

Agribusiness and science plus innovation stakeholders will be meeting at the 8th Africa Agribusiness and Science Week to improve the continent's productivity and competitiveness in agro-industry in Durban, South Africa from June 5th to 8th, 2023.

AASW8 will focus on topical issues on the continent, aimed at strengthening partnerships between the private sector, investors and policy makers. The event is expected to host at least 1,000 delegates, with over 65% being international participants. The target audience includes farmers, researchers, investors, development agencies, and country pavilions. We encourage you to register now to be a part of Africa's own Agribusiness, Science and Innovation Platform.

8th Africa Agribusiness and Science Week (AASW8) will feature: Workshops, Agritech Expo, Investment Forum, Match-making sessions and AfCFTA CAAPs.

FARA is co-organizing the event with the CAADP XP4 partners i.e., CCARDESA, ASARECA, CORAF, AFAAS, the Government of the Republic of South Africa and in collaboration with numerous other partners including AUC, AUDA, GFAR, YPARD, PAFO, One CGIAR, FAO, AFDB, UNIDO, AFBC, Sappi, AGRA, AWARD, ICRISAT, DESIRA LIFT, PANAP, RUFORUM, Standard bank. Development Partners collaborating in this event include EC, IFAD, AfDB, AfreximBank among others.

Register now at [aasw.faraafrica.org](https://aasw.faraafrica.org)

***Maintain and validate your registered slot by making your registration payment.***



# SOUTH AFRICA AT A GLANCE



- **Location:** South Africa is located on the southern tip of the African continent, bordered by Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), and Lesotho.
- **Capital city:** Pretoria (administrative), Cape Town (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial)
- **Economy:** South Africa is the second-largest economy in Africa, after Nigeria. Its economy is diversified and includes industries such as mining, agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism
- **Population:** Approximately 60 million people
- **Official languages:** South Africa has 11 official languages, including English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Xhosa, and others.
- **Currency:** South African rand (ZAR)
- **Climate:** South Africa has a varied climate, ranging from tropical to desert. The coastal areas are generally mild and humid, while the interior is drier and more temperate  
Famous landmarks: South Africa is home to many famous landmarks, including Table Mountain in Cape Town, Kruger National Park, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, and Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned
- **Culture:** South Africa has a rich and diverse cultural heritage, with influences from indigenous African cultures, colonialism, and immigration. Music and dance are important parts of South African culture, with genres like jazz, hip-hop, and traditional African music all thriving.
- **Government:** South Africa is a democratic country with a president as the head of state and government. The country has a constitution that guarantees freedom of speech, press, and religion, as well as other civil rights.
- **Transportation:** Excellent roads, rail and air facilities (both domestic and international). Public transport in major cities include the Gautrain between Johannesburg and Pretoria, and the Bus Rapid Transport System in major cities.
- **Telecommunications:** World-class infrastructure. Internet and Wi-Fi access is widely available. The five mobile (cellular) networks are Vodacom, MTN, Cell C, Telkom Mobile and Virgin Mobile
- **Health:** Top-quality public and private healthcare is available throughout the country. Malaria precautions are necessary in some areas.



# SOUTH AFRICA TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS



Travel requirements for South Africa can vary depending on your country of origin, the purpose of your visit, and other factors. Here are some general guidelines:

1. **Visa Requirements:** If you are a citizen of a country that requires a visa to enter South Africa, you will need to apply for one before your trip. You can apply for a visa at the nearest South African embassy or consulate in your country. Alternatively, you can apply for an eVisa online
2. **Passport:** You will need a valid passport to enter South Africa. Your passport must have at least two blank pages and must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended departure date
3. **COVID-19 Restrictions:** South Africa currently has strict COVID-19 entry requirements in place. You will need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of your departure time. If you are traveling from a high-risk country, you may be subject to quarantine upon arrival
4. **Travel Insurance:** While travel insurance is not a requirement for entry to South Africa, it is highly recommended. Make sure your insurance covers medical expenses, trip cancellation or interruption, and emergency evacuation
5. **Vaccinations:** Some vaccinations may be recommended or required for travel to South Africa, such as yellow fever. Check with your healthcare provider for the latest recommendations
6. **Additional Requirements:** Depending on the purpose of your visit, you may need additional documentation, such as a letter of invitation from a business or conference organizer, or proof of accommodation and sufficient funds.

It's important to check the most up-to-date travel requirements and restrictions before you book your trip and leave for South Africa. The South African government regularly updates its travel guidelines, and travel requirements can change quickly.

- [South African visa application form](#)
- [South Africa e-Visa Eligible Countries](#)
- [Visa-exempt countries for South Africa](#)
- [Passport Holders Who Are Exempt From Visas For South Africa](#)
- For more information visit [southafricavisa.com](https://southafricavisa.com)

- **Passport requirements to travel to South Africa**

To enter South Africa, it is necessary to have a passport with at least 30 days remaining from the intended date of departure. Passports must have two blank pages for entry stamps.

- **Documents you need to travel to South Africa**

Travelers coming from countries where yellow fever is prevalent need to present a [certificate showing they have been vaccinated](#).

- All passengers entering or departing from South Africa must now complete a declaration form online. Find more information about the [South African Traveller Declaration](#).



## South Africa Airways (SAA) - AASW8 Discounted Flight Booking

Take advantage of our special Discounted Flight Booking using this link

<https://www.flysaa.com/events?eventId=AASW&skinId=111054>



### A. Requirements for Travellers arriving from Yellow Fever Risk Countries

1. All travellers over the age of 1 year, arriving into South Africa from a Yellow Fever endemic area are required to produce a valid International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis against yellow fever.
1. Travellers who are not in possession of a valid certificate of vaccination against yellow fever, may be refused entry or quarantined until their certificate becomes valid or for days
2. Travellers who for medical reasons cannot have a yellow fever vaccine, must be in possession of a signed, valid waiver letter from the travel health practitioner.
3. Travellers who are in possession of a waiver letter will be required to report any fever or other symptoms to a health practitioner and be placed under quarantine surveillance.

List of countries for which a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for entry into South Africa

AFRICA		CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA
Angola	Ghana	Argentina
Benin	Guinea	Bolivia
Burkina Faso	Guinea- Bissau	Brazil
Burundi	Kenya	Colombia
Cameroon	Liberia	Ecuador
Central African Republic	Mali	French Guyana
Chad	Mauritania	Guyana
Congo	Niger	Panama
Cote d Ivoire	Nigeria	Paraguay
Democratic Republic of Congo	Senegal	Peru
Equatorial Guinea	Sierra Leone	Suriname
Ethiopia	Sudan	Trinidad and Tobago
Gabon	Togo	Venezuela
Gambia	Uganda	

### B. Management of Repatriation of Human Remains

1. The management and approval for the repatriation of human remains out of the country is the responsibility of port health services.
2. In the event of a foreign national demising in South Africa, the duly appointed funeral undertaker is responsible to communicate with port health and provide all the necessary documentation as per the attached checklist (**Annexure A**), in order to facilitate the issuing of a permit for the repatriation of the human remains to the home country of the deceased.
3. The contact details for port health is indicated as follows:

3.1 Deputy Director: Port Health Services

Ms T Nsele: Cell: 084 411 0508: Email - [thandeka.nsele@health.gov.za](mailto:thandeka.nsele@health.gov.za)



## Planning air travel into or out of South Africa?

Use the new Traveller Declaration System to declare goods, currency and others

### Follow these 5 easy steps:

1 Go to [www.sars.gov.za/travellerdeclaration](http://www.sars.gov.za/travellerdeclaration) and click on 'complete declaration'.

2 Complete travel details for personal travel  
or  
Complete travel details for business travel

3 Complete details about any currency you will carry with you

4 Provide details of the possessions you will carry on your trip

5 Complete the CAPTCHA and submit

Further correspondence will be sent via email indicating where you should go once at the airport.



Your convenience in attending AASW8 and FARA 9Th General Assembly is very important to us. We have made arrangements with some key players in the South African hospitality sector to ensure you get the best accommodation options and a memorable stay.

It is important to note that the first week of June is a build up towards The Comrades Marathon, held in South Africa. It is the world's largest and oldest ultramarathon race with over 23,000 runners. This is why rooms fill up quickly in June and we encourage you to beat the June Rush by making your hotel reservations now.

We look forward to seeing you in Durban. **Beat the June Rush by making your hotel reservations now.**

### **Southern Sun Hotel**



The Southern Sun Hotel is a 4-star hotel located in Durban, South Africa. It is situated on the Durban beachfront, which is a popular tourist destination.

The hotel offers 313 rooms, including suites, which are tastefully decorated and equipped with air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, tea/coffee making facilities, and free Wi-Fi. The rooms also have either city or sea views.

The hotel has several amenities, including an outdoor swimming pool, a fitness centre, a spa, a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, a conference centre that can accommodate up to

400 delegates, 24-hour reception, room service, and a shuttle service to and from the airport.

[More Information](#)

### **Coastlands Musgrave Hotel**



The Coastlands Musgrave Hotel is a 4-star hotel located in the Musgrave area of Durban, South Africa offering 95 spacious and comfortable elegantly decorated rooms, including suites, with air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, tea/coffee making facilities, and free Wi-Fi.

The hotel also has a restaurant, coffee shop, bar, a rooftop swimming pool a fitness centre, a conference centre that can accommodate up to 200 delegates, 24-hour reception, room service, and airport shuttle service.

[More Information](#)

Use Code **AASW8/CoastlandMustgrave2023** for a special discount.

## Blue Waters Hotel



The Blue Waters Hotel is a 4-star hotel located in Durban, South Africa. It is situated on the Durban Golden Mile, which is a popular tourist destination. The hotel offers 49 Kings, 62 Family, 5 suites, all of which have air conditioning, a flat-screen TV, a mini-fridge, and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a restaurant, cocktail bar, coffee shop, a rooftop pool, a fitness centre, a spa, and a conference centre. It also offers 24-hour reception, room service, and free Wi-Fi throughout the property. [More Information](#) Use Code **AASW8/BlueWaters** for a special discount.

## Pavilion Hotel



The Pavilion Hotel in Durban, South Africa, is a 4-star hotel located in the heart of Durban's Golden Mile. It features 112 (20 sharing) modern and stylish rooms that are equipped with air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and complimentary Wi-Fi. The hotel also has a restaurant that serves international cuisine, as well as a bar coffee shop, a fitness centre, outdoor pool, and 24-hour reception. [More Information](#) Use Code **AASW8/PAV** for a special discount.

## Onomo Hotel



Onomo Hotel is a hotel chain with several locations throughout Africa. In South Africa, Onomo has hotels in Cape Town, Durban, and Johannesburg. The hotels are designed to offer affordable accommodation with modern amenities and services. It offers guests air-conditioned rooms with flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, and en-suite bathrooms. The hotel also has meeting rooms, a bar, and a restaurant. [More Information](#) Use Code **AASW8/Onomo** for a special discount.

## Belaire Suites



Belaire Suites overlooks the Indian Ocean Durban, South Africa. The hotel features 124 rooms, including standard rooms and suites, all of which are air-conditioned and equipped with modern amenities. The suites have separate lounges and kitchenettes. It offers guests a range of facilities, including a rooftop swimming pool, terrace with ocean views, a fitness centre, and a conference room. The on-site restaurant, Cafe Jiran, serves a variety of dishes. [More Information](#) Use Code **AASW8/Belaire Suite** for a special discount.

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