

SOUTH AFRICA COUNTRY NOTE

1st Ordinary Meeting of the CRASA Legal and Policy Committee (LPC) 10 – 12 August 2026, Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel Johannesburg, South Africa



About South Africa

South Africa is located at the southern tip of the African continent and is bordered by Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Eswatini, while Lesotho is completely enclosed within its territory.

The country has an extensive coastline along both the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans and is one of the most economically diverse countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

South Africa has a population of over 62 million people and covers an area of approximately 1,221,037 km². It has well-developed transport, financial, communications and hospitality infrastructure, making Johannesburg a major regional hub for business meetings, conferences and international travel.

South Africa has three capital cities:

- Pretoria – Administrative capital
- Cape Town – Legislative capital
- Bloemfontein – Judicial capital

1. Practical Information: Johannesburg, South Africa

1.1. Travel and Airport Transfers

Delegates are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from South Africa. Participants arriving by air are expected to use O.R. Tambo International Airport or Lanseria International Airport, depending on airline routing and availability. Delegates should provide their travel itinerary, including flight number, arrival date and time, and departure date and time, when completing

registration. ICASA will provide transport services to and from the airport as well as between the meeting venue and hotel

1.2. Customs Procedures

All travellers entering or departing South Africa are now required to complete an online Traveller Declaration prior to travel. Delegates may access the [Customs Online Traveller Declaration | South African Revenue Service](#).

This declaration, introduced by the South African Revenue Service (SARS), forms part of the Customs process and is designed to streamline border clearance while ensuring compliance with the legal requirements relating to the declaration of goods, currency, and other controlled or regulated items.

1.3. Visa Requirements

All delegates entering South Africa must present a valid passport with sufficient validity and blank pages for immigration endorsements. Visa requirements depend on nationality and passport category. Delegates are advised to verify their visa status with the nearest South African diplomatic mission or the Department of Home Affairs before travelling.

SADC Member States benefit from visa exemption arrangements for short visits to South Africa, but conditions may differ by passport type and duration of stay. Delegates who require visa support should contact the CRASA Secretariat as early as possible.

2. Logistics and Administrative Guidelines

2.1. Yellow Fever Certificate

A yellow fever vaccination certificate may be required for travellers arriving from, or transiting through, yellow fever risk countries. Delegates should check the applicable health entry requirements before travel and ensure that vaccination documentation is available where required.

2.2. Time Zone South Africa operates on South African Standard Time (SAST), which is UTC +2 hours.

2.3. Climate and Weather

The meeting will take place during the latter part of South Africa's winter season. Johannesburg in August is generally dry and sunny, with cool mornings and evenings and mild daytime temperatures. Delegates are advised to pack warm clothing for early mornings and evenings, as well as comfortable business attire for daytime sessions.

For updated weather forecasts, delegates may consult reputable weather services closer to the meeting dates.

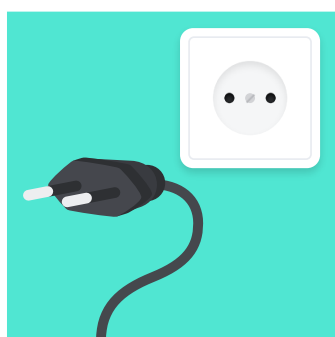
[Johannesburg weather in August 2026 | Weather25.com](https://www.weather25.com/za/johannesburg-weather-in-august-2026)

2.4. Currency and Banking Services

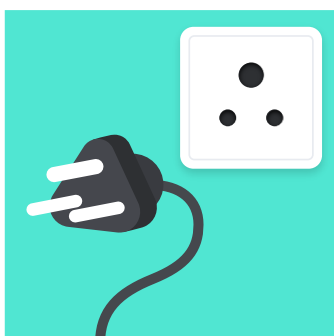
The official currency is the South African Rand (ZAR). Major debit and credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants and shopping centres. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and foreign exchange services are available at airports, banks and major commercial areas. Delegates are reminded that exchange rates fluctuate and should confirm current rates before travel.

2.5. Electricity

Plug types: Type C and type M are the most common in South Africa



Type C



Type M

2.6. Excursion - Soweto Tour

As part of the official programme, ICASA is pleased to host delegates on a guided excursion to Soweto on the afternoon of 11 August 2026. Soweto is widely recognised for its rich cultural heritage and its important role in South Africa's history.

Delegates are kindly requested to wear comfortable clothing and suitable footwear for the tour.

Annexure A: List of Recommended Accommodation Facilities

Accommodation in Sandton and surrounding Johannesburg business districts is recommended to ensure convenient access to the meeting venue. Delegates are responsible for confirming rates directly with the hotels or through their travel service providers.

No	Hotel & grading	Distance to venue	Contact details
1.	Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel 4*	0.0 km	+27 11 286 1000 reservations.gautrain@radissonblu.com Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel, Sandton Johannesburg
2.	Onomo Sandton 3*	0.3 km	+27 11 085 9500 reservations.sandton@onomohotel.com ONOMO Hotels: Hotels with contemporary design and perfect comfort
3.	The Capital on the Park 4*	0.4 km	+27 10 443 0000 park@thecapital.co.za thecapital.co.za
4.	Garden Court Sandton 3*	0.5 km	+27 11 269 7000 gcsandtoncity.reservations@southernsun.com https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-sandton-city
5.	Southern Sun Sandton 4*	0.4 km	+2711 780 5000 www.southernsun.com/southern-sun-sandton
6.	City Lodge Hotel Sandton Morningside 3*	1.6 km	+2711 884 9500 City Lodge Hotel Sandton, Morningside Premier Hotel in Sandton
7.	WeStay Westpoint Apartments 4*	1.0 km	+2711 783 1150 reservations@westay.co.za https://westay.co.za/
8.	The Max Hotel Sandton 4*	2.4 km	+2711 058 3100 reception@themaxhotelsandton.com www.maxapartments.co.za
9.	Hotel Sky Sandton	0.5 km	+27 010 880 4449 reservations.sandton@hotelsky.co.za www.hotelsky.co.za
10	Road Lodge Sandton 2*	1.1 km	+2711 784 8850 https://clhg.com/hotels/225/Road-Lodge-Sandton