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## Cape Town info

Cape Point

When you visit Cape Town, bring your camera!

Table Mountain presides majestically over the entire city bowl, with landscapes as diverse as beaches and winelands just a short drive away.

Cape Town is the second largest economic hub of South Africa and is indeed a city that embraces its ancient and recent history, fusing it with a sense of cutting edge design, contemporary fashion, and social chic. In addition, top-notch service and excellent meeting facilities converge with a world-class infrastructure to deliver a sophisticated business environment.

The Mother City is held in high regard by leisure and business tourists around the world and enjoys an international reputation for superior service and first-rate facilities, all against a backdrop of awe-inspiring natural beauty.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town!**

The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront

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**Council for Geoscience**

The Council for Geoscience (CGS) cordially invites you to attend the first IASPEI General Assembly to be held on the African continent in Cape Town, South Africa!

The African plate exhibits three main types of seismicity, strongly related to the long and complex geological history dating back some 3,7 billion years:

- Intraplate – with its low-level of seismic activity randomly distributed in space and time,
- Continental rifting – associated with the East African Rift System, and
- Induced – associated with large reservoirs and deep mining, such as the gold mining operations found in some areas on the Kaapvaal Craton. (The Kaapvaal Craton, particularly South Africa, boasts a geological record that is characterized by an almost complete geochronological succession of events that can be traced without major interruptions from the Archaean up to Recent times.)

IASPEI 2009 provides an ideal platform for geoscientists of the world to discuss these seismological issues and related topics.



Cape Town International Convention Centre

## Cape Town International Convention Centre

Situated on the outskirts of the Central Business District, the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) is close to the vibrant beat of the city's heart. At its official opening, President Thabo Mbeki called the development 'a symbol of hope, a symbol of our glorious past, a symbol of modernity and a symbol of future prosperity'.

The CTICC is designed to meet the varied needs of its delegates and visitors. Its subdivisible, multi-use convention facilities – and dedicated exhibition area – creates an environment that allows for multiple events and functions.

## Organising Committee

The Local Organising Committee consists of representatives from Geological Surveys in Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe as well as various South African governmental departments, public entities and industry.

## Council for Geoscience

The CGS is proud to be the first organisation on the African continent to host an IASPEI General Assembly and looks forward to welcoming you to the Rainbow Nation, South Africa!

The CGS is a South African government entity established in terms of the Geoscience Act, Act No. 100 of 1993, and reports to the Department of Minerals and Energy (DME).

The CGS is a market leader in the delivery of expert earth science solutions, and has an acclaimed track record of over 100 years both locally and globally. The CGS prides itself on having a winning team of specialist scientists within the various fields of geology.

The CGS contributes to the achievement of the key national strategic priorities for South Africa, which include:

- Economic growth and empowerment
- Sustainable development
- Rural development
- Development of Africa through the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) initiative.

The seismicity of South Africa has been monitored since 1910. Since its establishment in the 1970's, the South African National Seismograph Network (SANSN) has grown to a network of 23 digital seismograph stations. The real-time data from SANSN is sent continuously to the CGS offices in Pretoria, South Africa.

The second circular containing an outline of the scientific programme will be available during the first quarter of 2008

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incorporates the essence of this IASPEI general assembly.



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