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## **All the Best in Durban**

As the stand builders roll into the Durban ICC for the first trade exhibition since February 2020, we look forward to welcoming all delegates to the shores of South Africa and we know that our members and colleagues in Durban will roll out the South African welcome.

We know that the experience at this year's Inter Africa Trade Fair will be different, but it will still be memorable while providing us some insights into our readiness to host more exhibitions as we rebuild.

Our exhibition members will indeed be busy this coming week and by all accounts beyond, as the industry this week welcomed the announcement from South African Tourism that Meetings Africa will take place in the last week of February 2022.

These announcements with the work that SAACI is continuing with our partners

at NEDLAC may yield the sustained recovery momentum we have been working with our government counterparts.

As we have, we will keep members posted on developments.



## **Gauteng Branch Committee Nominations**

We wish to thank our members who have accepted their nominations to serve on the SAAACI Gauteng Branch Committee. We have received the nominations for the committee in bulk and as such the committee has moved to elect the officer-bearers. We will make these announcements shortly.



## **National Nominations for the SAACI Board Portfolios**

We wish to thank the individuals and members that have nominated individuals to serve in the portfolio for Youth and the portfolio for Learning. With the nominations received, we call on the membership to cast their vote in the link below.

**Voting Link**



## Global Events Industry Presented Pledge at COP26

This week, the global events industry presented a united pledge and roadmap for a net-zero carbon future for events. Industry leaders from the entire eco system, were live on stage in Glasgow, to represent and demonstrate the commitment of the events industry community to fight climate change.

[Full Press Release](#)



## 2021 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement Speech

In welcoming the much-needed e-visa system which we heard will be up and running by March 2022 and rolled out to 15 countries, to boost tourism and attract skills.

Read the full budget speech by clicking on the below link.

[Read More](#)



With the medium-term budget speech delivered yesterday bringing with it a mix bag of financial considerations, against the backdrop of a tough business

operating week due to loadshedding, as an Association we appeal for a level of sanity from government that realises we can't sell Destination SA when our infrastructure challenges is not managed correctly.

We require an improved narrative for our country and as an Association we will play our role to ensure this achieved.

Stay Connected,  
The SAACI Team



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