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## Satisfied, Relived, But not Happy

With the [National Budget speech](#) delivered earlier this week, it brought along with it plenty of goodwill, satisfaction, and in some ways relief.

We may not all be happy with some of the nuggets in the detail of the budget speech delivered, but we have some opportunities to maintain stability, while we all forge ahead in our work for 2022.

SAACI welcomes the individual and company specific relief outlined in the budget speech, however we do raise a concern that there must be a focused intent on our holistic Tourism, Business Events and Hospitality sectors that acts as a catalyst for members and the wider eco system of our industry.

Our work of lobbying for greater financial support for our sector is not done.

As we make the final arrangements and prepare for **MEETINGS AFRICA 2022**, let us commit to engage robustly as we meet in-person at this iconic industry

trade fair.

We need to continue to remain vigilant as we look to rebuild our sector. We have to embrace what lies ahead and allow ourselves to find the collaborative opportunities within our continent.

SAACI looks forward to seeing you all, catch us on our shared stand with the City of Johannesburg B24 next week.



## SAVE THE DATE: RE-IGNITE Business Events Industry workshops

SAACI, in partnership with the South African National Convention Bureau will be hosting the RE-IGNITE business events industry workshops during the months of March and April 2022.

With the impact of COVID-19, the business events industry has experienced change, and the business events industry workshops



## SAVE THE DATE – SA Event Council, Event Industry: The Road to Recovery

Join us for an online workshop as we discuss the events industry's path to recovery in 2022.

The workshop will begin with a 30-minute industry panel, discussing about the challenges we face, and

will bring the industry supply chain together to share the latest protocols, best practices, services and thinking that the sectors need to consider as South Africa recovers.

**Save the date for your city!**

11 March 2022 - Gauteng

24 March 2022 - Cape Town

30 March - Gqeberha

31 March 2022 - Durban

Kimberly – Date in April TBA

then we will then separate into smaller sub-sector groups for further discussions. We will then end the online event with a 30-minute feedback session.

Date: Tuesday 15th March 2022

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Registration details will be shared during the course of next week.



**UIF\_TERS update and SATSA Webinar recording**

As the UIF\_TERS support is proposed to come to an end without any further assistance planned beyond March 2022. SAACI continues to host Saturday sessions with Allan Ragavaloo from the Department of Labour.

The sessions aim to aid members



**Membership reminder - pay now to qualify for 20% discount**

Thank you to all our members for the continuous support.

To the members that have taken up the discounted offers for the financial year 2022/2023, we appreciate your support and confidence in the work

that may still have challenges with their claims. Should you wish to join a Saturday session, please contact [members@saaci.org](mailto:members@saaci.org) by no later than Wednesday, 02 March 2022.

Our partner association SATSA has hosted a webinar on UIF\_TERS with Allan. Please find the link to the recording below.

[Link to recording](#)

that we continue to do on your behalf.

We are also updating the SAACI website listings of members, please feel free to check your listing and forward any updates to the Membership Services Consultant on [members@saaci.org](mailto:members@saaci.org).

[Member listing](#)



Come the end of the working day today, many of us will commence our travel logistic plans to finally meet and gather as an industry. It's been a tough two years, may we never forget what our colleagues, our members and our families have experienced during this time.

So, when we meet in-person let us consider how we build anew and how the lessons learnt will inform our future industry.

**We can't wait! See you soon.**

**Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Confident,  
The SAACI TEAM**

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