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Witnessing the wonderful interaction taking place around the country within the Business Events arena, one would think that our country is working well. Well, we know all about the dreaded loadshedding, our water challenges in certain parts of the country and the continuous economic uncertainty. However, you our members, partners, clients, and stakeholders are **THE** most resilient group of people we have come across. All the odds were stacked against us yet we get-up and brush ourselves off daily to deliver memorable experiences for clients and delegates in every corner of this beautiful country.

This week, as we enter the last week of October 2022, we continue ***to urge all members not to let our guard down*** when hosting Business Events. Don't let the challenges deter you and let us all keep pushing each other and lend a helping hand wherever we can. It is pleasing to be experiencing several Business Events happening, albeit virtually, as many have kept their social media platforms alive with updates and content.

**So, let's stay vigilant** as we are working around the clock to create memorable experiences, but also to ensure that the momentum continues into the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.

### **Annual General Meeting Reminder**

Notice is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting of the members of the Southern African Association for the Conference Industry (SAACI), registration number 2001/019411/08, will be held at **09:30 – 11:00** on **Monday, 14 November 2022**, Hybrid Event: (Streaming online). The streaming link will be shared with members opting for virtual attendance.

The closing date for RSVPs is **Friday, 04 November 2022 at 12:00** - please email Alshanthe Smith on [members@saaci.org](mailto:members@saaci.org), with your preference of attendance:

- a. In person ( **Zeitz MOCAA - *venue changed*** )
- b. Online attendance

[Link to Notice, Agenda, draft AFS, previous minutes and proxy](#)

**SARS Travel pass update:**

SARS takes a further step towards improving the integrity of trade and traveller facilitation as part of implementing Smart Borders. During November 2022, SARS will launch a pilot implementation of an electronic on-line portal for travellers to make declarations on a voluntary basis, well ahead of their arrival or departure to/from South Africa.

[For the link to the SARS Press Release](#)

With the remaining weeks of this calendar year approaching fast, and many of us trying to complete several tasks, remember that your association is here to support where we can.

This week we wish to thank our members and partners for your commitment and partnership. Our organization is strong because of you. Together, we will continue to tackle the challenges faced within our space and ensure that not only do we continue the work of the Association but that the Association and the sector thrives.

We look forward to our continued partnership.

**Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Confident.**

**The SAACI TEAM**





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