

Extra Supporting documents for South Africa's bid to host FOSS4G2008

Please consider the following two pages as part of our bid if it's still within the deadline.

1. Letter of support from PositionIT magazine
2. News article on the Cape Town Convention Centre and Cape Town dated 20 July.

Thank you

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To whom it may concern

re: FOSS4G2008

As publishers of PositionIT - the geo-informatics, surveying, GPS, GIS and location based services journal for southern Africa - EE Publishers would like to extend our support for GISSA in their bid to host - the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial 2008 conference (FOSS4G2008).

The South African cabinet approved a policy earlier this year to implement Free and Open Source Software in government with the intention of lowering costs, enhancing flexibility, and building local IT skills. Hosting a conference of this nature will assist our local GIS community in implementing this strategy in South Africa and will extend the use of Open Source software within the southern African region.

As the official journal of both GISSA and SAGI, we would cover and promote the conference and cover the proceedings to the large number of people who receive PositionIT magazine every 2 months. Should the South African bid be successful, we will enter into discussion with the organising committee as to how we can assist them outside our current brief.

Yours sincerely

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LATEST NEWS about the conference venue

20 Jul 2007 : CTICC receives top conference rating

Cape Business News

Cape Town has beaten New York to top the list of long-haul destinations favoured by UK-based events agencies, underscoring Cape Town International Convention Centre's emergence as a convention centre of choice for conference groups.

Cape Town jumped to the top of the list from fourth place last year in the annual M&IT Trends & Spends Survey of delegates and organizers in the lucrative Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Events (MICE) sector in the United Kingdom.

Cape Town Mayor, Helen Zille, said "I would like to congratulate Convento and all at the Cape Town International Convention Centre for their outstanding services. They have played a major role in making this happen. I would also like to congratulate the many private convention facilities around Cape Town for their contribution to our City's success".

She added that "our vision is for Cape Town to become a world class city. This achievement shows that we are well on our way. Business tourism has also been identified as a key growth area for our economy. We must continue to improve our services in this area. This is one of the ways we can continue to promote job creating economic growth that will create more opportunities for all the people of Cape Town."

Cape Town has also once again been ranked the best city in the Africa and Middle East region by the prestigious Travel & Magazine in New York, USA.

Mansoor Mohamed, the City's Executive Director for Economic, Social Development and Tourism, says it is important to note that Cape Town has beaten some very popular Middle Eastern and European destinations, including Dubai and Paris. This illustrates that Cape Town's strengths are the natural beauty and arts/cultural diversity. Natural beauty and cultural diversity were key criteria used in the survey. Other criteria included cuisine and value for money.

<http://www.cbn.co.za/dailynews/2267.html>