

Looking forward, I would like to wish you every success in your future endeavours as you seek to live out your values of integrity, sustainability and intelligence and inspire us all as members to do the same.

May we continue to work together to build a strong and vibrant conference industry for our beloved country.



**Julie-May
Ellingson, chief
executive
officer:
Cape Town
International
Convention Centre (CTICC)**

On behalf of the CTICC, I wish to congratulate SAACI on its 30-year anniversary. The CTICC has been a patron member of SAACI since opening its doors in 2003. The business events industry in South Africa, and indeed Africa, has amazing growth potential. It also faces critical challenges in areas such as skills development, innovation, research and sustainability. We remain committed to working with our fellow SAACI members to grow the industry.



**Craig Newman,
chief executive
officer of the
Johannesburg
Expo Centre**

It is with great

pleasure that I congratulate the South African Association for the Conference Industry (SAACI) on its 30th anniversary in the exhibitions and events industry.

As the umbrella body of the conference and meetings industry in Southern Africa, SAACI is dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of efficiency and professionalism for the country's entire conference and events sector.

From humble beginnings, SAACI has grown into an internationally recognised professional association and the crucial link between the public and private sectors.

Though it began as a simple non-profit association in 1987, SAACI has developed into an established organisation with a national board and four regional branches. Each branch maintains its own specialist forums that represent specific industry sectors, such as conferences and events, destination marketing, exhibitions, services, technical, transport and venues.