

Dear Delegate

The National Department of Tourism (NDT) invites you to participate in the Local Government Tourism Conference, to be held on the **30th – 31st of March 2015 at Emperors Palace, Kempton Park, Gauteng**. The proposed theme for the Conference is **"Tourism: A Catalyst for Local Economic Growth, Job Creation and Transformation"**.

The Conference seeks to provide a platform for dialogue amongst public and private sector tourism stakeholders, including leadership to engage, share information on tourism developments and challenges at local government.

The objectives of the Conference are to:

- Reflect on the deliberations of the 2013 Local Government Tourism Conference;
- Promote and share best practice models for community beneficiation and participation in tourism, which could be replicated nationally;
- Deliberate on how to stimulate the domestic pillar of tourism as a means to ensure sustainable tourism growth and development;
- Discuss on how best to capacitate all spheres of government to align and integrate their tourism plans with national imperatives;
- Deliberate and share information on the developments and initiatives to ensure transformation within the sector;
- Share information on opportunities provided by Development Finance Institutions to fund tourism infrastructure development;
- Introduce new initiatives by the National Department of Tourism to fund tourism development such as the Tourism Incentives Schemes.

Click on <http://www.lgtc2015.co.za> to register and secure your space at this event not later than 11 March 2015.

NB: Please note that space is limited and thus registration will be on a "first come, first served" basis. Also note that information on discounted accommodation rates is available on the conference website. Please select the correct rate code for the preferred accommodation option in order to qualify for the discount.

A conference programme will be available at a later stage.

We look forward to seeing you at this event, as your contribution will be of great value to the sector and the country at large.

Kind regards,

The Team