

Department of Tourism

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

VAKANTIEBEURS, 09 – 12 JANUARY 2025

UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS

The Department of Tourism through the International Market Access Support Programme (IMASP) invites eligible tourism enterprises to apply and participate at the Vakantiebeurs, Netherlands. Vakantiebeurs serves as a valuable networking platform for tourism trade buyers and sellers that allows for the creation and consolidation of new business and trade opportunities. The expo is taking place from 09 – 12 January 2025, Utrecht, Netherlands.

A limited number of spaces on the South African Tourism pavilion has been secured for market access support under the International Market Access Support Programme (IMASP) and is specifically aimed at assisting small tourism enterprises that can offer integrated tourism packages that includes accommodation facilities, adventure, cultural, township tour packages etc. to buyers and consumers in the Dutch market.

Preference will be given to small enterprises that also meet the following additional requirements:

- Affiliated with business events trade associations such as the Southern African Association for the Conference Industry (SAACI), Exhibition Association of Southern Africa (EXSA), International Congress, Convention Association (ICCA), South African Tourism Services Association (SATSA), the Society for Incentive Travel Excellence (SITE); Tshwane Tourism Association (TTA), Small Tourism Enterprise Association (STEA), etc.;
- Have previously exhibited at local tourism platforms such as Meetings Africa, Africa's Travel Indaba, WTM Africa, etc.; and
- Have products and services that are market ready and also have capacity to host and provide services for groups of over 50 delegates.

For Vakantiebeurs 2025, the Department will pay upfront the costs of return economy airfare, accommodation and exhibition/ participation costs directly to the relevant service providers, while other specified qualifying costs will be reimbursed through a claim process upon return from the event.

In line with the programme guidelines, approved enterprises may qualify for the cost of:

- Flight - Return economy class airfare, paid by the Department directly to the service provider;
- Accommodation including breakfast – Per person per night, linked to the duration of the exhibition, including a day before the show, paid by the Department directly to the service provider;
- Exhibition/ participation costs for approved enterprises will be paid by the Department directly to the service provider; and
- Ground transport in destination – reimbursement of the specified cost from the airport to the accommodation facility and back to the airport;

For more information on Vakantiebeurs 2025, visit <https://www.vakantiebeurs.nl>

The guidelines and application form for the International Market Access Support Programme are available to download and complete on the Department's website or by clicking on the following link: https://www.tourism.gov.za/CurrentProjects/TIP/Market_Access_Support_Programme/Pages/Market_Access_Support_Programme.aspx. All applications received will be acknowledged, qualifying applicants will be notified upon approval and required to sign a contract with the Department. **Please note that any costs incurred prior to approval will be at an applicant's own risk.**

Application Forms are to be submitted to the following e-mail address tipapplications@tourism.gov.za with a clear subject "Vakantiebeurs 2025" Application". (You will receive an email from the Department confirming receipt of your application within three (3) working days. Should you not receive an acknowledgement email after three (3) working days, please follow-up with the officials mentioned below for assistance. Any further communication will be limited to recommended applicants. The Department will not be held responsible for any non-delivery of applications).

Only completed applications together with supporting documents received from the date of the publication of a call for application till the deadline will be considered. Please note, no incomplete applications with missing/invalid supporting documents and or applications received before publication of a call for applications or after the closing date will be considered.

Closing date for applications: 04 October 2024, 16:00pm.

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