

GOPIO INTERNATIONAL

GOPIO SOUTH AFRICA

INVITATION TO GLOBAL INDIAN BUSINESS SUMMIT IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA
IN MAY, 2017



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COASTLANDS HOTEL • UMHLANGA • DURBAN • KWAZULU NATAL

19-21 MAY 2017

The two-day convention of Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) in Durban, South Africa struck the right note in articulating Indiaspora Building Africa through opportunities beyond frontiers.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM (19TH -21ST MAY 2017)

INDIASPORA BUILDING AFRICA THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND FRONTIERS

FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2017	
17 :00 hrs	WELCOME & REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES Durban Chamber Meetings DINNER/COCKTAIL EVENING Venue : COASTLANDS UMHLANGA
Saturday 20 th May 2017	
07:00 hrs –9:00	BUSINESS BREAKFAST

9:30 hrs	<p>WELCOME AND INAUGURATION OF CONVENTION</p> <p>Consulate General of India, Dr Shashank Vikram Deputy Mayor of Durban, Mrs Fawzia Peer MEC for Rural Development and Public works, Mr Ravi Pillay</p>
10H00 hrs – 11h30	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 1 TOPIC: BUILDING AFRICA THROUGH TECHNOLOGY Speakers/Panelists Dr. Thomas Abraham, President, Innovative Research and Products, Inc., Stamford, CT, USA Mr. Noel Lall, Managing Director, South Pacific Engineering Pty Ltd, Sydney, Australia Dr. Varma Mundunuru, Practicing Physician, Trinidad and Tobago Mr. Mahen Poinswamy, IT Engineer, CapGemini, France Mr Krishna Shivalingaiah, Sales Manager , Accenture IT, France</p> <p>Moderator – Ms. Michelle Micheal, Durban, South Africa</p>
11H30 hrs - 1h00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 2 TOPIC : CONNECTING SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH TOURISM AND HOTEL INDUSTRY GLOBALLY Speakers/Panelists Mr. Prakash shah, President, Owner, First Growth Mortgage &Realty Grp an Investment Bank, Basking Ridge, NJ, USA Mr Vivian Reddy, CEO, Eddison Power Group and Oceans Umhlanga Hotel Group, S. Africa</p> <p>Moderator – Dr. Krish Naidoo,President Gopio Chapter Durban, South Africa</p>
13H00 to 14h00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Luncheon Speaker (TBA)</p>
14H00 – 15H30	<p>PARALELL SESSION: PANEL SESSION 3 TOPIC: BUILDING AFRICA THROUGH RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SMAL SCALE LINDUSTRIES AND MICROCREDIT Speakers/Panelists Mr. Ebrahim Patel – Minara Chamber of Commerce, Durban, South Africa Additional Speakers – TBA</p> <p>Moderator – Mrs Loshnee Naidoo, Durban, South Africa</p>
14h00 -15H30	<p>PARALELL SESSION : PANEL DISCUSSION 4 TOPIC: BUILDING AFRICA THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP Speakers/Panelists Mr. Sunny Kulathakal, MD, Sunliz Publications and Managing Editor, Gul Who’s who, Bahrain Mr. Biru Sharma, President, Laser Systems, Stamford, CT, USA Ms Mini Guleria, Principal, Macroscope Market Resourcing, Los Angeles, USA Additional Speakers – TBA</p> <p>Moderator –Mr. Sunny Jugwanth, President Gopio Chapter Johannesburg Central , South Africa</p>
15H00- 15H15	TEA

15H15 – 16H00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 5 TOPIC: CHANGING AFRICA THROUGH WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT Speakers/Panelists Mrs. Kritilata Ram, President GOPIO-Triolet North Mauritius, Mauritius Ms. Ketty Carpille – Reunion Island Mrs. Nerasha Singh – South Africa Dr. Neerja A Gupta, Global Chair, GOPIO Academic Council, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad</p> <p>Moderator – Ms Rita Abraham, Chairperson, GOPIO Health Council, Durban, south Africa</p>
16H00 -17H00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 6 TOPIC : Session Objectives: Investment Opportunities, Emerging Sectors, Research and Development, Human Resource Development Speakers/Panelists Prof. Diilip Garach, Garach Incorporated, South Africa Mr Rajen Pillay, Garuda Investments, South Africa- Lenasia South Chapter, South Africa</p>
19H00 hrs	<p>GOPIO INTERNATIONAL SOUTH AFRICA GALA DINNER</p> <p>Opening Ceremony: Lightning of the Lamp, Kathak Dancer</p> <p>Welcoming the Chief Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Mr. Ishwar Ramlutchman, Convention convener and GOPIO Intl Coordinator for Africa • Dr Thomas ABRAHAM, Dr. Thomas Abraham, Chairman, Founder President, GOPIO Intl., Stamford, CT, USA • Noel Lall, Vice President of GOPIO International, Australia • Mr Sunny Kulathakal, Global ambassador, GOPIO International, Bahrain • Message by Mayor of Durban, Mrs Zandile Gumede • Mr. AV. Mohammed, Jumma Musjid Trust • Vivian Reddy, CEO, Eddison Power Group • DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA • PREMIER OF KWAZULU NATAL, PREMIER WILLIS MCHUNU • PRINCE MG BUTHELEZI, MP, RSA • HIS MAJESTY THE KING, KING GOODWILL ZWELITHINI <p>AWARDS CEREMONY</p> <p>CULTURAL PROGRAMME /DINNER</p>
SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017	
9:00 – 11:30 hrs	<p>GOPIO INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING LIFE MEMBERS AND CHAPTER DELEGATES FEED BACK OF CONFERENCE</p>
2H00PM	<p>Visit to Mahatma Gandhi Settlement – Hosted by the Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Mrs Ela Gandhi</p>

Speakers and Panelists invited. Contact GOPIO Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham at +1 2013-329-8010, gopio@optonline.net or Convention Convener Mr. Ishwar Ramlutchman at Tel: +27-833578747. E-mail: acindustrial@mweb.co.za

Gandhi's Phoenix Settlement at Inanda, KwaZulu-Natal



Mahatma Gandhi spent his formative years in South Africa, where he developed his philosophy of satyagraha, a form of active yet peaceful resistance to political injustices. The original Phoenix Settlement in Inanda, KwaZulu-Natal, was inspired by Gandhi, encapsulating his vision for a community based on self-reliance.

AFRICAN SAFARI AT DISCOUNTED RATES ON MAY 22ND-24TH IS BEING ARRANGED FOR CONVENTION ATTENDEES. TOUR OF HLUHLUWE/IMFOLOZI DUMAZULU, ST LUCIA, KWAZULU NATAL - Accommodation at Hluhluwe Game Reserve and ST Lucia, Open Game Drive in Imfolozi Game Reserve, ST Lucia Estuary, Sunset Boat cruise and Dumazulu Cultural Experience. All for US\$895/person.



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