World Social Science Forum (WSSSF) 2015

International Social Science Council (ISSC)

CODESRIA

Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
13-16 September 2015

- Durban, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa
- International Convention Centre, Durban
- Planning for 1,500+ delegates

www.wssf2015.org
The **HSRC** and its partner **CODESRIA** bid to host the 2015 forum to be held from 13-16 September in Durban, South Africa.

The two hosts established a Consortium Partnership Committee to provide strategic and scientific leadership in the preparation thereof.

The first meeting was convened on the 3 May 2011 and brought together 16 partners consisting of key research institutions and universities in Africa and in South Africa.

This committee has met 6 times since its inception.

[www.wssf2015.org](http://www.wssf2015.org)
CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

1. Academy of Science of South Africa
3. Department of Science and Technology (DST)
4. International Social Science Council
5. International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies
6. International Council for Science: Regional Office for Africa
7. National Research Foundation
8. Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa
9. Rhodes University
10. SA National Biodiversity Institute
11. University of Cape Town
12. University of Fort Hare
13. University of KwaZulu-Natal
14. University of Johannesburg
15. University of Pretoria
16. University of Witwatersrand

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PROGRESS MADE TO DATE - WSSF 2015 ORGANOGRAM

HOSTS
HSRC and CODESRIA
The hosts will establish all the committees, convene all the meetings and take overall responsibility for the event.

PATRONS
Six eminent scholars which includes representatives from Africa and the global south in order to ensure that the agenda of the south is framed by its scientists.

CONSORTIUM PARTNERS
Partners will join the host institutions in spearheading the event and in ensuring that the WSSF achieves its overall objective and purpose as defined by this group.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
The programme committee will be responsible for the overall development and finalization of the conference programme. They will agree on scientific members, review panel requests and make key recommendations.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
The Scientific Committee will be responsible for encouraging colleagues to submit abstract and panel suggestions, review abstracts and make recommendations.
Conference Consultancy South Africa (Pty) Ltd was awarded the tender as conference organizer.

- Highest qualified conference organiser in South Africa, Certified Meeting Planner (CMP) and Certified Meeting Manager (CMM)
- 70+ Combined years of event management experience,
- 100+ Major conferences planned and managed,
- 400+ Events organised throughout South Africa.
PROGRESS MADE TO DATE

3rd WSSF '15 Project- & risk management plans developed...

Project Plan with more than 700 activities, currently ahead on implementation schedule

Risk Plan monitoring 6 domains & 58 risk areas

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PROGRESS MADE TO DATE

Budget developed...

Detailed strategic budget covering 800 lines worth 1,4 Million USD of expenses

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PROGRESS MADE TO DATE

- Venue, ICC Durban secured.
  - Collateral benefits negotiated worth 60,000 USD
- Corporate Brand & Application Guidelines Developed
- Appointment of the executive of the local organizing committee
- 37 nominations for appointments to the scientific committee
- Programme committee being established
- Promotional material produced and disseminated
- Interim forum website will go live after 2013 Forum ([www.wssf2015.org](http://www.wssf2015.org)).
- 320 000 USD deposited by DST and HSRC into Forum account

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THEME

“Transforming global relations for a just world”

- Thematic continuity from WSSF I (“One Planet – Worlds Apart”) on global inequalities and foregrounds, the lens of distributive justice

- Speaks to the ‘Knowledge Divides’ highlighted in the 2nd World Social Science Report

- Encompasses the potential role of digital technologies in challenging traditional hierarchies in politics, science, and the media that is addressed in WSSF II.

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1. Global inequality (income inequality, production and consumption)
2. Politics and global inequality (focus here is on how global politics promote inequality of nations - e.g. Trade issues, military power)
3. Cultural dominance and horizontal inequality
4. Global Health and inequality
5. Inequality in access to quality education
6. The role of migration and remittances in reducing income inequality
7. Climate change and consequent inequality
8. Global governance and policies to end inequality
9. Capabilities, inequalities and human rights
10. Social justice and the global order
CROSS CUTTING ISSUES

- Actors, movements and institutions
- Gendered forms of power and value
- Resilience, cooperation and productivity
- Urbanization and rurality
- Digital age and transformations

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DRAFT STRUCTURE OF THE 2015 FORUM PROGRAMME

Sunday, 13 September 2015
• 09:00 – 15:00 Satellite Conferences
• 16:00 – 18:00 Opening Session
• 18:00 – 19:00 Welcome Reception

Monday, 14 September 2015
• 09:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session
• 10:30 – 11:00 Tea break
• 11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Sessions (x8)
• 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
• 14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Sessions (x8)
• 15:30 – 16:00 Tea break
• 16:00 – 17:30 Parallel Sessions (x8)
• (Evening: Delegates at Leisure)

Tuesday, 15 Sept. 2015
• 09:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session
• 10:30 – 11:00 Tea break
• 11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Sessions (x8)
• 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
• 14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Sessions (x8)
• 15:30 – 16:00 Tea break
• 16:00 – 17:30 Parallel Sessions (x8)
• 19:00 – 22:00 Gala Dinner

Wednesday, 16 Sept. 2015
• 09:00 – 10:30 Rapporteur Session
• 10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break
• 11:00 – 13:00 Closing Session

Exhibition: Sun, 13th – Tue 15th Sept 2015
Poster Sessions: Mon, 14th – Tue 15th Sept 2015
57 Planned Sessions:
- 5 Plenary Sessions
- 52 Concurrent Sessions
  - 18 Parallel Track Session
  - 4 Satellite Conferences
  - 12 Satellite Sessions
  - 6 Round table Sessions
  - 6 Debate Sessions
  - 6 Symposia Sessions
- 50 Exhibits
- 36 Session Chairpersons
- 90 Oral abstract Presentations
- 90 Panelists
- 200 Poster abstract presentations
UP NEXT...

- Finalization of the WSSF hosting agreement
- Finalization of the scientific committee
- Appointment of forum patrons
- Finalization of marketing strategy
- Contributions by other consortium partners

Transforming global relations for a just world
A warm South African welcome to Durban, KwaZulu-Natal in 2015.