

Agulhas Current Ocean Observing System Design Workshop

Cape Town, South Africa

| 9-12 September 2024

INFORMATION NOTE FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS

VENUE OF THE MEETING

The Workshop will be held from 9 - 12 September 2024 at the President Hotel in Seapoint, Cape Town, South Africa [4 Alexander Rd, Bantry Bay, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa]. See directions at the end of the document.

ARRIVAL AT MEETING

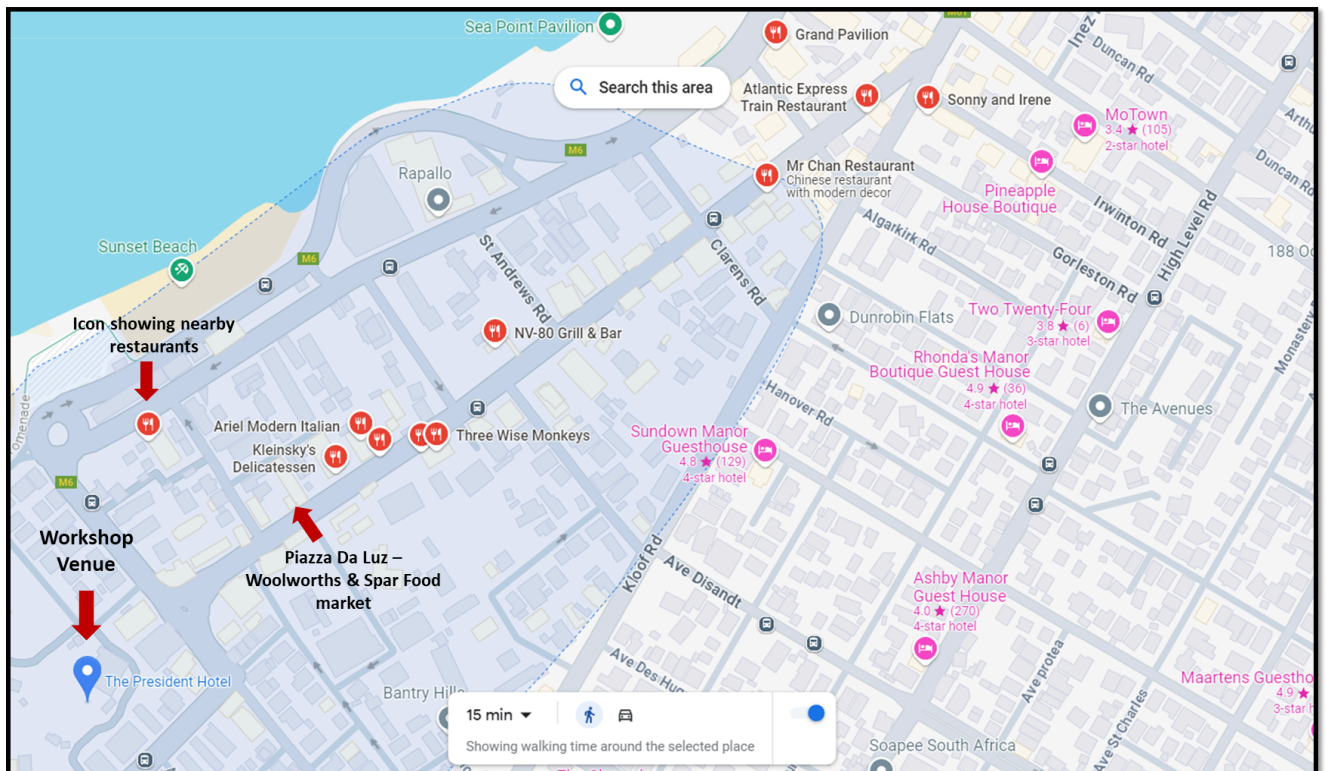
Check in for the Workshop will take place at the registration desk in the venue on 9 September from 8.30 to 9.00 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a name tag at the time of registration [you are encouraged to use a prior name tag to reuse and recycle].

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language will be English only.

SELF-FUNDED LUNCHES DURING WORKSHOP

Please note that only tea and coffee will be provided during the workshop. Lunch will be at participants' own expense, however, there are numerous shops and restaurants close proximity to the workshop venue (within 5-15 mins walk).



ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS

A list of countries exempt from requiring a visa to enter South Africa is available here: <https://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

There are currently no COVID protocols in South Africa, however please continue to confirm with your travel agent/relevant authority.

For attendees that require an invitation letter from the local organizers to apply for a visa, please request this letter directly from Tamaryn Morris (t.morris@saeon.nrf.ac.za) and Jordan Van Stavel (j.vanstavel@saeon.nrf.ac.za).

HOTEL RESERVATION

Participants are advised to make their own accommodation bookings well in advance. Appendix A contains a list of some recommended hotels within Seapoint in Cape Town, located close to the meeting venue. There are many hotels and airbnbs in Cape Town and the surrounds and more within the Sea Point. If you are not sure please get in touch!

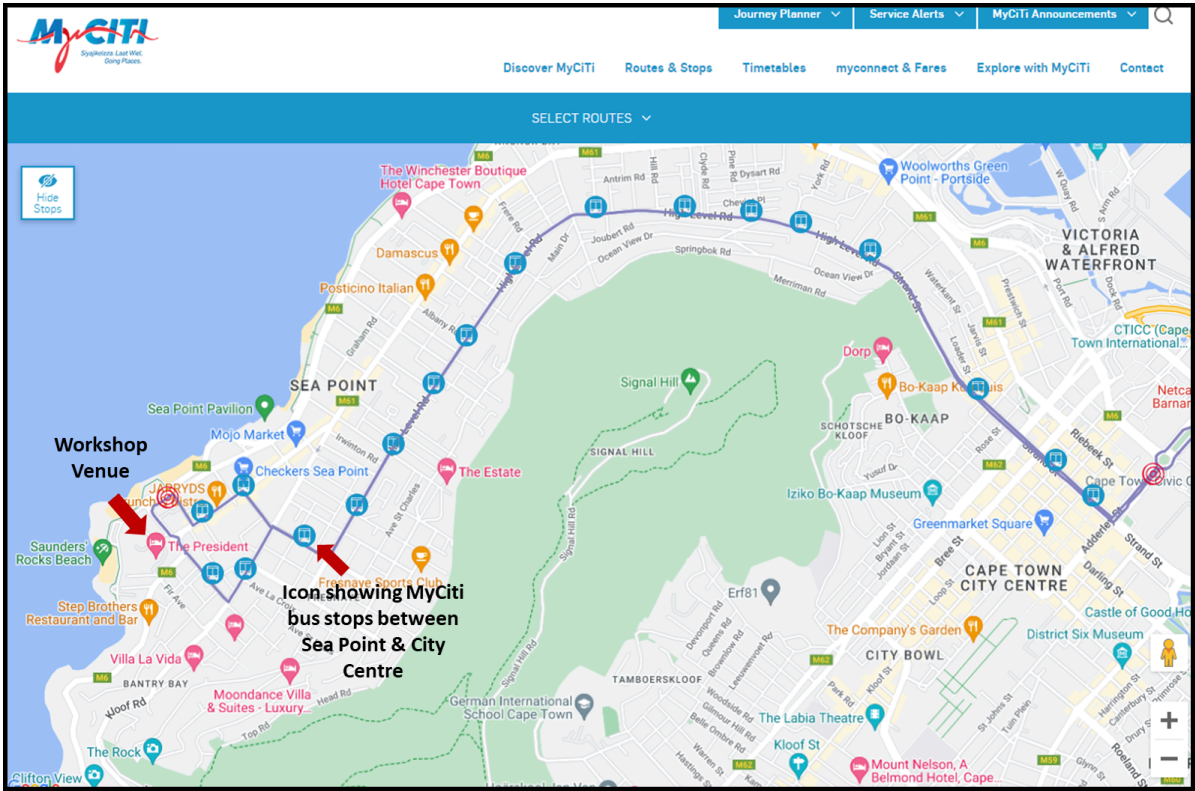
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Participants shall arrange their local transportation between the airport and the hotel and between the hotel and the venue. The hotels listed below are within walking distance of the venue.

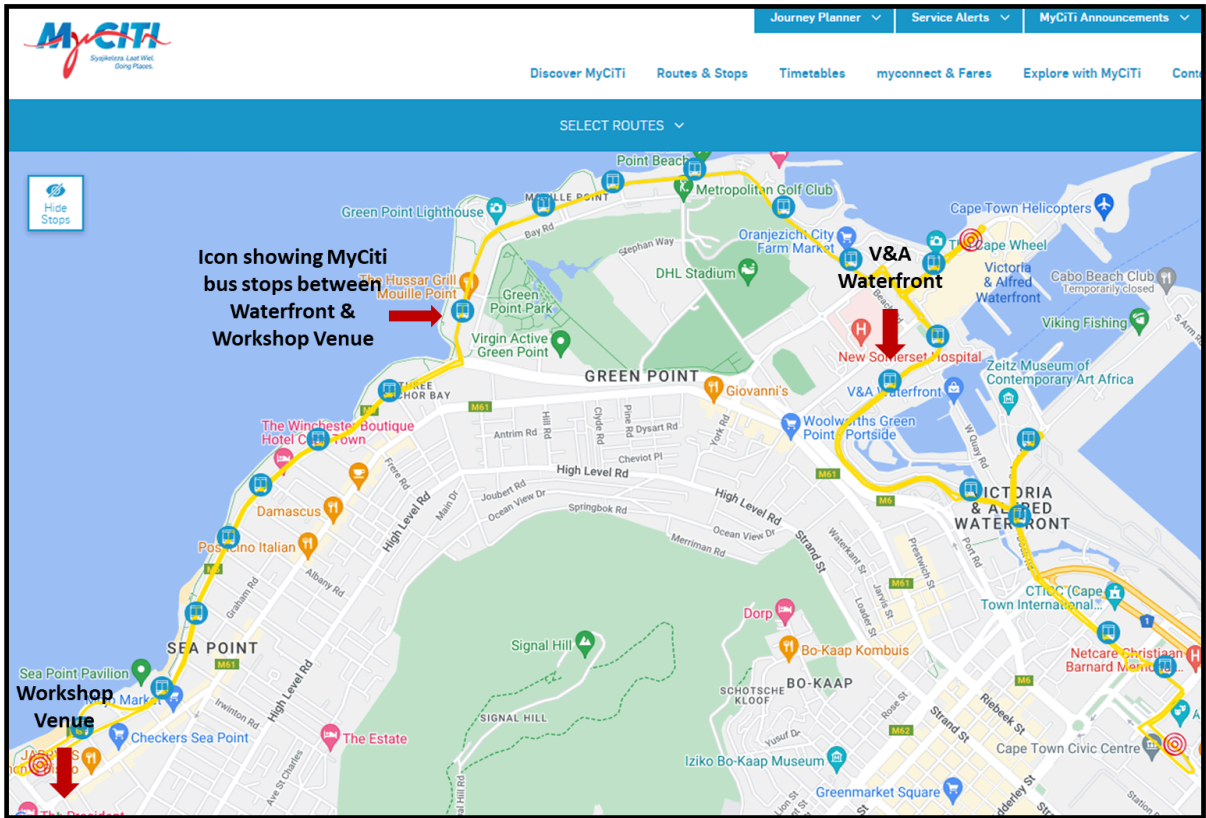
Some hotels can provide the shuttle between the airport and the hotel, and / or the hotel and the venue. We can recommend DMC couriers (mention you are here for a meeting with Juliet Hermes) davidlee.dmc@gmail.com, there are many other shuttles such as EZ shuttle, Cape Town airport shuttle etc.

Uber and similar e-hailing services are also available, as well as the [MyCiti Bus service](#). A map showing their Sea Point route is shown below should your hotel be located further away from the Sea Point (a) as well as if you are travelling from the V&A Waterfront (b).

(a)



(b)



CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The local currency is the South African Rand. There are currency exchange offices at the Cape Town International Airport as well as most banks. Credit cards are also readily accepted at all hotels, shops and facilities. For updated exchange rates, please consult the [XE website](#).

LOCAL CLIMATE IN SEPTEMBER

The mean weather conditions in Cape Town in September are as follows:

- September in Cape Town marks the onset of Spring.
- Average daytime temperatures range from 13 °C to 20 °C (55 °F to 68 °F)
- During the day, the weather is often mild and pleasant, suitable for outdoor activities and sightseeing. However, evenings and early mornings tend to be cooler, so you should consider packing layered clothing to accommodate the temperature drop.

FUN THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND CAPE TOWN

- [Mojo Market \(Lifestyle & food market\)](#) - about 15 mins walk from workshop venue.
- [Iziko](#) and other South African Museums - about 15 mins drive from workshop venue (in Cape Town city centre).
- [Zeitz MOCAA Museum](#) - about 15 mins drive from workshop venue (located in the waterfront).
- [Table mountain aerial cable car](#) - about 15 mins drive from workshop venue.
- Two Oceans Aquarium - about 15 mins drive from workshop venue (located in the waterfront).

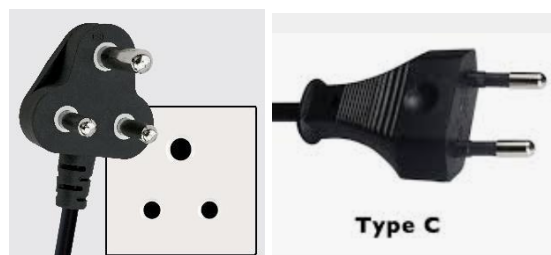
INTERNET ACCESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Wireless internet connectivity will be freely available to the participants, at the meeting's venue.

The Local Organizing Committee can facilitate participants to purchase local SIM cards for mobile phones, if required. This service should also be available on arrival at the Cape Town International Airport.

ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE

The voltage in South Africa is 220-240 Volts. Primary socket types in South Africa use the type D and M Plugs (see image below). At the venue, there will be extension leads and multiplugs available. Some of these are fitted with the standard two-prong (European) plug type, but please consider purchasing an adaptor for visiting South Africa. If you have a European plug it is easy to purchase an additional local adaptor within SA if needed. These should also be available at electronics shops on arrival at Cape Town International Airport.



LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

For any further information please contact the Local Organizing Committee at the following address:

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LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Life/major health insurance for each participant is necessary and is the responsibility of the participant's institution or Government. The Local Organizing Committee will not assume any responsibility for life and major health insurance, nor for expenses related to medical treatment or accidents.

LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS

No	Accommodation in Cape Town	Address
Workshop Venue	The President Hotel	Address: 4 Alexander Rd, Bantry Bay, Cape Town, 8001 Tel: +27 21 434 8111 Email: reservations@presidenthotel.co.za Website: https://www.presidenthotel.co.za/
H1	The Bantry Bay Aparthotel by Totalstay (3 mins walk from venue)	Address: 8 Alexander Rd, Bantry Bay, Cape Town, 8060 Tel: +27 212860672 Email: bookings@totalstay.co.za Website: https://www.bantryaparthotel.co.za/
H2	Latitude Aparthotel by Totalstay (5 mins walk from venue)	Address: 2 Kings Rd, Sea Point, Cape Town, 8060 Tel: +27 212862738 Email: bookings@totalstay.co.za Website: https://www.totalstay.co.za/latitude-aparthotel/
H3	The Peninsula All-Suite Hotel (4 mins walk from venue)	Address: 313 Beach Rd, Sea Point, Cape Town, 8060 Tel: +27 214307777 Email: peninsula@dreamresorts.co.za Website: http://www.peninsula.co.za/
H4	Protea Hotel Cape Town Sea Point (17 mins walk from venue)	Address: Arthur's Road, Sea Point, Cape Town, South Africa, 8005 Tel: +27 214343344 Email: info@proteahotels.com Website: https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/cptsp-p-rotea-hotel-cape-town-sea-point/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0
H5	Riviera Suites (15 mins walk from venue)	Address: 273 Beach Rd, Sea Point, Cape Town, 8001 Tel: +27 214341040 Email: rivierareservations@firstgroup-sa.co.za Website: https://www.firstgroup-sa.co.za/riviera-suites/
H6	Atlantic Affair Boutique Hotel (12 mins walk from venue)	Address: 9 Clarens Rd, Sea Point, Cape Town, 8005 Tel: +27 212045942 Email: stay@theatlanticaffair.co.za Website: http://theatlanticaffair.co.za/

DIRECTIONS

President Hotel in Seapoint, Cape Town, South Africa [4 Alexander Rd, Bantry Bay, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa

