## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL AFRICA FEDERATION 2<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE Durban 2023

## INVITATION

Greetings and warm wishes from Durban South Africa.

It is with great anticipation that we extend to you an official invitation to the 2nd Biennial Conference of Soroptimist International Africa Federation (SIAF) taking place in Durban from 18 - 21 May 2023.

As the youngest federation in the SI family this year's Conference is being hosted by SI Durban. Durban is a coastal city in eastern South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province and is the third most populous city in South

Africa. Known for it's African, Indian and colonial influences the province is also home to the chief seaport in SA.

The venue for the conference is the Capital Hotel and Conference Centre situated on the beautiful Zimbali Estate - a natural and contemporary coastal forest estate that balances caring for the environment within a haven for nature.

The Theme for this year's Conference is "Achieving our Soroptimist Goals.... An African Perspective"

Please join us for this most anticipated meeting of our African sisters as we aim to create a platform of learning, sharing and growth for our SI sisters.

The program will consist of speakers, panel discussions & workshops across the key areas of the Sustainable Development Goals and showcase the work of SI's youngest federation.

As we set out to deliver a conference that is relevant and purposeful we are working hard to confirm and finalize the best speakers and will keep you updated with our progress.

We can confirm however that a highlight is going to be an introduction to the SIAF - UN Health for Life partnership for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer.

Bette Levy the main SI UN Rep and her team are also curating a session especially for the conference.

A wonderful Friendship Evening has been planned as well as a Gala Dinner to ensure the important element of being a Soroptimist, social interaction, is achieved.

Please accept this as a personal invitation to you and all club members. Register now at <a href="https://www.siafdurban2023.com">www.siafdurban2023.com</a> and join what promises to be a wonderful conference as we the African Federation navigate our Soroptimist goals and forge ahead to ensure we continue to transform the lives of women and girls in Africa.

In Friendship,

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