



Administrative Note

**3rd G20 Initiative on Bioeconomy Meeting
18 – 20 September 2025**

**Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
International Convention Centre (CSIR ICC),
Pretoria (Tshwane), Gauteng Province, South
Africa**

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

G20 Initiative on Bioeconomy (GIB)

ABOUT

This Administrative Note is designed to provide all delegates with essential information regarding logistical and administrative arrangements for the meeting.

Updates on this document will be communicated to delegates via email.

1. Introduction and Venues

The South African G20 Presidency welcomes you to Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa. The city is celebrated for its rich historical significance, remarkable architectural heritage, and abundant green spaces, all contributing to its charm and appeal. It is also the heartbeat of South Africa's National System of Innovation, hosting several of the country's leading research and technology organisations.

The 3rd G20 Initiative on Bioeconomy (GIB) meeting will be held from Thursday, 18 to Saturday, 20 September 2025 at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research International Convention Centre (CSIR ICC), Pretoria. The CSIR is Africa's largest public-funded research and technology organisation, and its campus also hosts the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI), as well as the National Research Foundation (NRF). The CSIR-ICC is traditional venue of the Science Forum South Africa (SFSA), one of Africa's largest open science events.



2. Proposed Programme

DAY 1 - THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: CSIR ICC

08:00 – 08:30	Arrival & Registration
08:30 – 08:45	Welcoming Remarks
<u>Session 1:</u>	Setting the Stage for the Global Implementation of Bioeconomies
08:45 – 09:00	GIB: from Initiative to a Working Group
09:00 – 09:15	Global, Regional and National Bioeconomy Initiatives
09:15 – 09:30	What the World Needs from a Global Bioeconomy Implementation Platform
09:30 – 09:45	The UN as a Vehicle for Implementation
09:45 – 10:00	2025GIB Communique and Recommendations
10:00 – 10:30	Q&A
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break
<u>Session 2:</u>	Critical Importance of the Bioeconomy
11:00 – 11:30	Bioeconomy Urgency and Challenges: Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss
11:30 – 12:00	Q&A
<u>Session 3:</u>	Towards an Integrated and Sustainable Global Bioeconomy
12:00 – 12:15	Report on African Bioeconomy Finance Hub
12:15 – 12:30	Trade Knowledge Product – Growing Bioeconomies Through Trade
12:30 – 12:45	OECD Recommendations and Role in Biomanufacturing
12:45 – 13:00	Q&A

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:15	The Global Bioeconomy Summit and the International Advisory Committee on Global Bioeconomy
14:15 – 14:30	A Pact to Advance Nature-based Bioeconomy
14:30 – 14:45	CSIR: Facilities for Advancing Bioeconomies in Africa
14:45 – 15:00	Q&A
15:00 – 15:30	Interventions by Delegates
15:30 – 16:00	Tea Break
16:00 – 17:00	Interventions by Delegates
17:00 – 17:15	Closing Remarks
18:00 – 20:00	Cocktail Dinner
..... <i>End of Day 1</i>	

DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: CSIR ICC

Session 4: Breakfast Dialogue

08:30 – 10:30 Next Steps for Sustainable Bioeconomy

Session 5: Coordination and Leadership for Global Bioeconomy Development

11:00 – 11:15 Agenda Setting

11:15 – 12:30 An Implementation Platform – What Needs to be Done to Grow the Global Bioeconomy?

12:30 – 13:00 **Q&A**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Interventions by Delegates**

15:30 – 16:00 **Tea Break**

16:00 – 16:15 Closing Remarks

.....*End of Day 2*.....

DAY 3 – SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: CSIR ICC

Session 5: Coordination and Leadership for Global Bioeconomy Development (Continuation)

08:30 – 08:40 Agenda Setting

08:40 – 10:30 Site Visit to CSIR Research, Development and Innovation Platforms

10:30 – 11:00 **Tea Break**

11:00 – 11:20 Vision for a Dynamic, Influential & Relevant Structure for Coordinating Global Bioeconomies

11:20 – 11:30 **Q&A**

11:30 – 13:00 **Interventions by Delegates**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:40 UN Support for Bioeconomy Development

14:40 – 15:00 **Q&A**

15:00 – 15:30 **Interventions by Delegates**

15:30 – 16:00 **Tea Break**

16:00 – 17:00 **Interventions by Delegates**

17:00 – 17:30 2025GIB Conclusions, Recommendations and Communique

18:30 – 20:30 Braai

.....*End of Day 3 and Conclusion of the 2025GIB*

3. Accommodation



The Capital Menlyn Maine

Contact: +27 12 942 5000 or +27 10 446 8045

Location: 194 Bancor Avenue, Menlyn, Pretoria

Website: <https://thecapital.co.za/menlyn/>

Star rating: 5

Prices per night: ~R1,980 – R3,010 (110 – 170 USD)

Distance from the University: 3 km ~ 5 – 7 minute drive



Menlyn Boutique Hotel

Contact: +27 12 425 9580 or +27 83 232 5590

Location: 209 Tugela Road, Ashlea Gardens, Pretoria

Website: <https://www.menlynhotel.com/>

Star rating: 5

Prices per night: R2,025 ~ 113 USD

Distance from the University: 2.7 km ~ 5 – 7 minute drive



Protea Hotel Fire and Ice!

Contact: +27 12 471 8600

Location: Summit Place Precinct, 221 Garsfontein Road, Menlyn, Pretoria

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/pryme-protea-hotel-fire-and-ice-pretoria-menlyn/>

Star rating: 4

Prices per night: R1,400 – R1,700 ~ (80 – 95 USD)

Distance from the University: 12 km ~ 12 - 15 minute drive



The Regency Apartment Hotel Menlyn

Contact: +27 67 086 8208

Location: Matroosberg Road, Menlyn, Pretoria

Website: <https://www.regencymenlyn.co.za>

Star rating: 4

Prices per night: R1,400 – R1,700 ~ (80 – 95 USD)

Distance from the University: 2.7 – 3 km ~ 5 – 7 minute drive



The Maslow Time Square Hotel

Contact: +27 12 003 6151

Location: 209B Aramist Avenue, Menlyn, Pretoria

Website: <https://www.suninternational.com/time-square/rooms/>

Star rating: 4

Prices per night: R1,500 – R2,000 ~ (85 – 110 USD)

Distance from the University: 3 km ~ 5 – 7 minute drive



Casa Toscana Lodge

Contact: +27 12 348-8820 or +2782 971 3004

Location: 5 Darlington Road, Lynnwood Manor, Pretoria

Website: <https://www.casatoscana.co.za/>

Star rating: 4

Prices per night: R2,250 ~ 126 USD

Distance from the University: 1.1 km ~ 2 minute drive



City Lodge Hotel Lynwood

Contact: +2712 471 0300

Location: Hilden Rd, Lynnwood Manor, Pretoria

Website: <https://citylodgehotels.com/hotels/141/city-lodge-hotel-lynnwood-pretoria>

Star rating: 3

Prices per night: R1,700 ~ 95 USD

Distance from the University: 2.4 km ~ 3 minute drive



Protea Hotel by Marriott Pretoria Loftus Park

Contact: +2712 030 0420

Location: 416 Kirkness Street (corner Kirkness & Park South), Arcadia, Pretoria

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/prylp-protea-hotel-pretoria-loftus-park>

Star rating: 3

Prices per night: R1,535 ~ 90 USD

Distance from the University: 3 km ~ 7 – 10 minute drive

4. Airport Transfers

South African authorities will expedite immigration procedures for all foreign delegates attending the G20 meetings in 2025.

The South African Government will provide appropriate transport from the airport (OR Tambo International) to the hotels and return for all GIB delegation as per the registration and accreditation allowance. Shuttles from the airport to hotels listed on this Administrative Note will be available for arrivals on **17 to 20 September 2025** and departures on **18 to 21 September 2025**. Shuttle services will be provided for delegates from the designated hotels to the CSIR ICC (the official venue for the GIB meeting in September) and vice versa.

International delegates will first enter the country through OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, or Cape Town International Airport, or King Shaka International Airport in Durban which serve as key international gateways with connections to major global cities such as London, New York, Dubai, and Frankfurt.

Please Note:

- Cape Town International Airport and King Shaka International Airport may experience longer waiting times due to increased international passenger traffic. It is recommended that delegates allow extra time for connecting flights to OR Tambo International Airport.

- If you are connecting via another city in South Africa, you must collect your luggage at the first port of entry for customs clearance. After clearing customs, you will need to re-check your luggage for your domestic flight to OR Tambo International Airport.

5. Accreditation

Participation at the 3rd G20 Initiative on Bioeconomy meeting is strictly for registered delegates only. The registration and accreditation process for all official G20 events hosted in South Africa will be done via an **online platform**. The portal for accreditation will be **opened 20 days (29 August 2025)** before the meeting in September 2025 and will close on **07 September 2025**. Each country/organisation will be requested to nominate a **Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO)** to capture information of their delegation. The name of the DAO should be submitted by **19 August 2025**. The link to the portal will be communicated to the DAOs on the day it opens.

6. Immigration

Passports of guests should be valid for at least 30 days beyond the expected date of arrival and departure from South Africa and should have at least two unused pages when presented for endorsements.

A valid visa (if applicable) should be obtained from the nearest South African Embassy or High Commission in each country. **NO** visas will be issued upon arrival in the Republic of South Africa.

For more information on visa requirements and exemptions, visit the Department of Home affairs- <https://www.dha.gov.za/>

7. Immunisation

South Africa is signatory to the International Health Regulations, 2005 (IHR, 2005) and is committed to safeguarding the health of both citizens and persons travelling to the country.

- To ensure compliance with the IHR 2005 policies and legislative prescripts, health measures will be applied to delegates entering the country.
- All travellers will be subjected to screening by Port Health Officials at the point of entry which will include temperature screening.
- Persons who, during screening, are found to have signs and symptoms consistent with communicable diseases, will be subjected to further assessment, which may include medical examination at the delegate's cost. This exercise is conducted as a preventative measure at the ports of entry against the spread of communicable diseases like yellow fever, hepatitis A and B, malaria, etc.
- Should a delegate experience any signs or symptoms consistent with a communicable disease while in South Africa, they are advised to seek medical attention and inform the medical practitioner of their travel history.
- In line with the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendations, aircraft arriving from a yellow fever or malaria endemic area must be disinfected for the control of mosquito vectors.
- On arrival at the point of entry, proof of disinfection must be provided to the health specialists prior to disembarkation of delegates.

Yellow Fever Vaccination Requirements In South Africa

In line with the IHR 2005 and the country's Yellow Fever Policy, South Africa requires a valid yellow fever certificate from all citizens and non-citizens over one year of age:

- travelling from a yellow fever-risk country; and
- having been in transit exceeding 12 hours through an airport of a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission.

Therefore, travellers arriving in the country from an area determined by the WHO to be at risk of yellow fever transmission are required to produce a valid International Certificate of Vaccination against yellow fever.

Travellers who are not in possession of a valid certificate of vaccination against yellow fever may be refused entry or placed under quarantine-surveillance for a period not exceeding six days or until their certificate becomes valid.

Travellers who, for medical reasons, cannot have a yellow fever vaccine, must be in possession of a signed, valid waiver letter from a travel health practitioner.

Travellers who are in possession of a waiver letter will be required to report any fever or other symptoms to a health practitioner and be placed under quarantine surveillance.

8. Environmental Health

- The tap water in South Africa is safe to drink.
- Food safety is a priority and all food supplies to the event will be monitored from preparation to distribution.
- Smoking policies with regard to public places are enforced.

9. Places of Interest in Tshwane/Pretoria

Ditsong Museum of Cultural History



The [Ditsong National Museum of Cultural History](#) explores South Africa's cultural diversity in various permanent and temporary exhibitions. Exhibitions include rock paintings and engravings of the San people, thousand-year-old Iron

Age figurines from Schroda in the Limpopo Province are described as “the best-known artefacts indicating ritual behaviour in the Early Iron Age”

Freedom Park Heritage Site and Museum



Freedom Park is a 52-hectar site located on Salvokop, situated to the south of the Pretoria Central Business District. Freedom Park has emerged as a major landmark reshaping and enhancing the skyline of South Africa’s capital city. It is a people’s shrine that weaves the story of where we come from and the events that shaped what South Africa is today. It reminds us that we cannot afford to be indifferent to our past in our building of a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic nation.

The Innovation Hub



The Innovation Hub is sub-Saharan Africa’s first internationally accredited and leading science and technology park

Komjekejeke Heritage Site



KoMjekejeke, it is reported came from the word Jekezela, which means in isiNdebele language “to live in comfort and abundance”. The Komjekejeke heritage site situated in Walmansthal, just outside Pretoria is home to the annual King Silamba commemoration and carries a rich history which goes back to the 1800s.

National Botanical Gardens



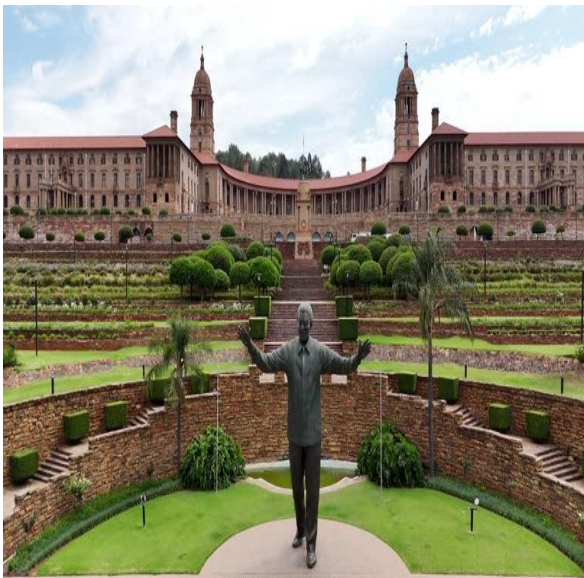
The Pretoria National Botanical Garden is one of South Africa's nine National Botanical Gardens. The garden is wedged between Pretoria Road and Cussonia Avenue in Brummeria, in eastern Pretoria, Gauteng, and flanks a central rocky ridge that runs from east to west. The 76 hectares garden was established in 1946, and hosts the headquarters of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).

Rietvlei Nature Reserve



Rietvlei Nature Reserve in Pretoria came into existence as a water scheme to supply drinking water to Tshwane. Rietvlei Nature Reserve is a fairly big nature reserve in an urban setting and covers about 4 000 ha. It has been a conservation area since 1929 and hosts some of South Africa's big 5 and 350 bird species.

Union Buildings



Union Buildings are a modern-day acropolis, built at the highest point of South Africa's capital city, Pretoria, it forms the official seat of South Africa's government and houses The Presidency. Designed by Sir Herbert Baker in 1908, building began in 1909 and was completed in 1913. It took approximately 1265 artisans, workmen and labourers almost three years to construct, using 14 million bricks for the interior office walls, half a million cubic feet of freestone, 74 000 cubic yards of concrete, 40 000 bags of cement and 20 000 cubic feet of granite.

10. General Information

Payment Methods and Currency

In South Africa, credit and debit cards (Visa and MasterCard) are widely accepted at most businesses, including hotels, restaurants, and retail stores. However, it is important to note that some smaller vendors, particularly at markets or in rural areas, may only accept cash. It is advisable to carry South African Rand (ZAR) for such situations. Currency Exchange services are available at airports, major hotels, and dedicated currency exchange offices like Travelex and Western Union. These services offer cash exchange from various currencies into Rand. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are readily available throughout the country, making it easy to withdraw cash using international debit or credit cards.



Voltage And Power Sockets

South Africa operates on 230V electricity with a frequency of 50Hz. The power sockets used are primarily Type M (the large three-pin plug), although Type C (the standard European two-pin plug) is sometimes used. It is advisable for visitors to bring a universal adapter, as plug types may vary across regions and accommodation options.



For safety, many of South Africa's electrical sockets are recessed, requiring the plug to be fully inserted before connection is made. Portable voltage transformers are available if needed.



Climate

South Africa has a diverse climate, ranging from temperate in the interior regions to subtropical along the eastern coastline. In Pretoria, where the GIB meeting will be held, the weather is typically warm with low rainfall. During the month of September, the temperature typically have highs of 28°C and lows of 13°C.