



**SAAA/IAAER/AAFA INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 29 JUNE 2017**

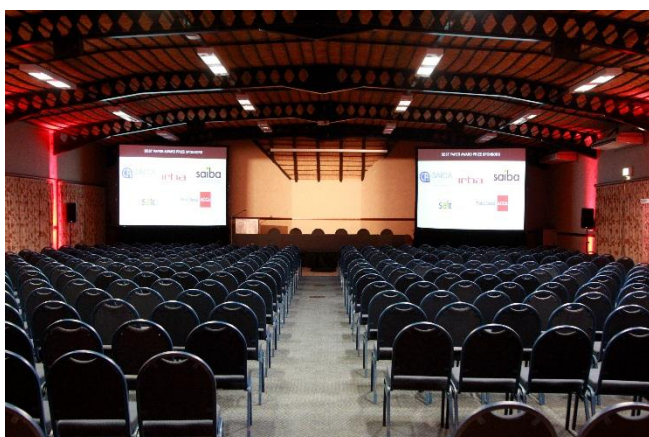
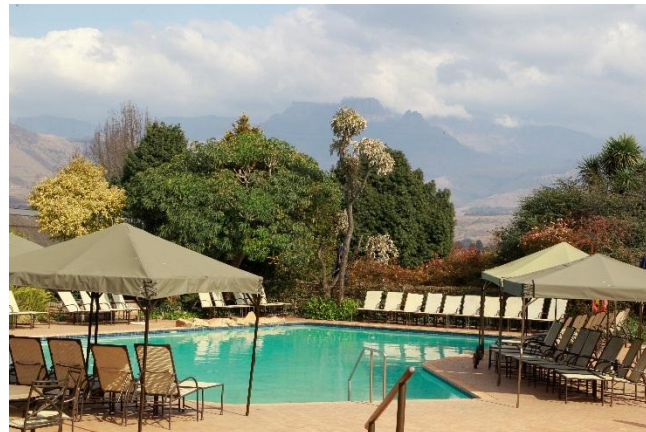


## It started off with a bang!



Delegates, sponsors, exhibitors and valuable guests arrived at Champagne Sports Resort throughout the week, with the majority arriving on Wednesday. As you were walking through the resort, there was an excitement in the air with old friends reuniting, colleagues bonding over a cup of coffee and new connections being made. Everyone was also eager to receive their conference bags with all of the wonderful goodies.

The first day of the conference was a huge success, which set the scene for the next two days.





## Keynote speaker – Vuyo Jack



Vuyo Jack's keynote address was an inspiration to everyone and was thoroughly enjoyed.



## Drakensberg Boys Choir



The Drakensberg Boys Choir, which was founded in 1967 and currently led by conductor Kenny Kabak, was a refreshing surprise which was enjoyed by everyone, young and old. Especially when they rocked it out with the Afrikaans hit from Francois van Coke and Karen Zoid, "Toe vind ek jou".

Afterwards Badibanga Promesse, the Regional Vice President – Africa of the newly formed association between the Chartered Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA) and the American Institute of CPA's had an interesting welcome address about VUCA and how relevant academics are in a changing world.





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# Wednesday 28 June 2017

The first day of the conference included the following sessions:

- *Panel 1: Working place in a changing world*, which focused on the accountant and his/her changing leadership role as well as the professional accountant and globalisation
- *Welcome message from SAAA* – Prof Elmarie Papageorgiou, *IAAER* – Prof Katherine Schipper and *AAFA* – Prof Jane Ande
- *Key note address* by Vuyo Jack
- *Panel 2: Curriculum in a changing world*, which focused on accounting education at universities in South Africa within the developing economy and the several exacerbating challenges they face
- *Discussion 1: The Accounting profession of the future, evolve or die?* which focused on the latest trends, what research is being conducted and what SAICA and Academics should be doing to ensure that the role of accountants remain relevant in the future
- *Drakensberg Boys Choir*
- *Welcome address* from Badibanga Promesse
- *Welcome reception*

## Conference pick-up lines that you “audit” try

These are some useful pick-up lines that you can use when networking at the SAAA 2017 conference:

- “Are you from accounting? Because I was ac-counting on seeing you at the conference!”
- “You can call me Bond. Municipal Bond.”
- “It’s accrual world out there but I’m willing to invest some time in chatting to you.”
- “Don’t you try to claim an exemption, I saw you staring at me across the room.”



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