

Events Incubation Conference



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Introduction

Where we are today

- Understanding Wesgro's mandate
- Our key three operational areas for leisure events
- How we meet them
- Business events
- How to work with us

Our role

To develop, implement and promote a provincial tourism marketing strategy and implement projects that realise growth in the economy of the Western Cape* Our strategic driver Project Khulisa

Set of economic initiatives driven by Minister Alan Winde, designed to accelerate economic growth and job creation.

We support

The Integrated Events Strategy (IES) 2011

*Legislative context for Wesgro (as provided for the in the Western Cape Investment and Trade Promotion Agency Act (Act 3 of 1996))

Events platform

Regional events sponsorship and activation

Global marketing and destination positioning

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events and festivals

There's no shortage of things to do and see in Cape Town and the Western Cape. Check o events below, from sport to culture and music. Lat our smaller, unique events draw you charming towns for food, wine and a taste of local flavour.

Purpose

Give visitors, tourism trade and media an annual overview of all events across the province

Purpose

To drive geographic spread and lessen the effect of seasonality in the regions using time-critical events



Purpose

Leverage the signature events in international marketing campaigns to increase the profile of the Cape to event organisers and international visitors

Events platform





events and festivals

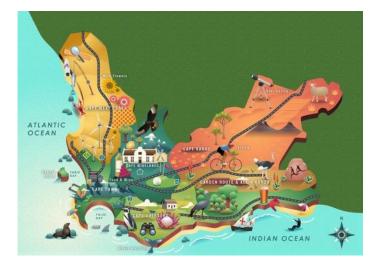
- Challenge
 - How do we use technology to solve a data collection challenge?
- Solution
 - Aggregate real-time data from Facebook into our website and segment into region, town, date, experience (e.g. food and wine, cycling)
- Marketing opportunities
 - Better planning
 - Better promoting

Leisure	Events	Calendar
April 20	16 - Ma	rch 2017





Regional event sponsorship and activation



1600 temporary jobs created*

Over **150 000** visitors to the regions*

April -September 2016

35 events took place in the 5 regions

outside the city

Wesgro funding investment **R1m**

Estimated economic impact over **R260m***

Global marketing and destination positioning

- Production starts January 2017
- Feature the province's signature leisure and business events
- Aims to increase profile of destination amongst:
 - Event organisers as a world class event's destination
 - International visitors as a bucket-list event's destination
- Campaign launches mid 2017
 - Strong focus on digital and social media



Business events

- Convention Bureau is a unit within Wesgro
- Role is to land business events and spread them across the province
- During April September 2016
 - Secured 17 bids
 - Estimated delegate attendance: 20 000
 - Estimated economic impact: R277m
- Business events are seen as important in terms of
 - Destination positioning
 - Knowledge sharing and business conversion
 - Economic impact



The opportunity for delegates to **network** with influencers within the business, government and institutional landscape in the Cape



The creation of projects that allow for the sharing of knowledge.

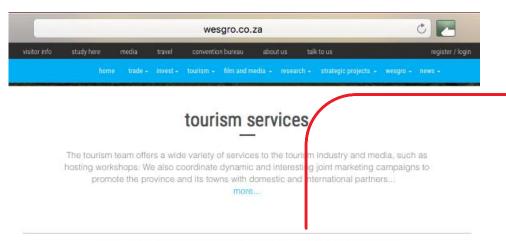
The creation of **legacy** projects that have a sustainable and positive effect on the Cape





Connecting of delegates with **business** opportunities through our trade, investment and film teams within Wesgro

How to work with us



all [hosting] joint marketing [tool kits] stakeholder engagements] event funding] convention bureau



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Tourism services

Event Sponsorship Overview

• PDF - overview of event sponsorship approach and support available to event organizers.

Understanding criteria

 PDF - a comprehensive explanation of what information must be supplied when applying for funding.

Event sponsorship

• PDF - application form



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