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National Arts Council announces discount registration for NGOs and students for the 4th World Summit on Arts & Culture

The organisers of the 4th World Summit on Arts and Culture, the National Arts Council of South Africa (NAC), today announced reduced registration fees for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and for students.

The NAC is hosting the Summit, to be held 22-25 September 2009 at Museum Africa, Newtown Cultural Precinct, Joburg, with the International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies.

The Summit has a strong focus on fostering intercultural dialogue and the discounted registration fee for NGOs and students from developing countries will encourage exchange among a greater cross-section of delegates.

The registration fee for delegates from developing countries is R4900 (already reduced from the full fee of R9900.00) and the fee for professional artists and arts administrators is R3300.

The further discounted price announced today will mean that NGOs wishing to register more than one delegate are able to access a 50% discount on additional registrations once the first registration is paid in full. The discounted rate (R1650) is available for up to five registrations per organisation.



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Also announced today is a discounted rate for students of R1500.00 for a full Summit delegate pass. Student discount registrations are limited to a maximum of 30. A valid student card must be produced to validate the student discount.

Says Annabell Lebethe, CEO: National Arts Council, "As hosts of the 4th World Summit on Arts and Culture, a key NAC objective is to create a platform that engages a diversity of players. We encourage NGOs to attend in order to amplify the civil society voices on issues linked to cultural diversity and inter-cultural dialogue."

Ms Lebethe went on to say that student participation is equally important in the quest for a plurality of voices.

"We encourage arts and culture students to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. The calibre of the speakers, the spread of topics and the networking opportunities at the Summit present an invaluable resource for students", stated Ms Lebethe.

NGOs and students wishing to access discount fees can register at: www.artsummit.org

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Note to editors:

The 4th WSoAC is a triennial event created by the International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA). It is the only international event of its kind within the arts and culture policy development field. The World Summit events are a pivotal platform for national arts councils, ministries of culture and other agencies active in the global arts and culture sector across the world.

Key website links:

- Official 4th WSoAC website: www.artsummit.org
- IFACCA: www.ifacca.org



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