



WILDFIRE 2011

The 5th International Wildland Fire Conference

South Africa

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The **5th International Wildland Fire Conference**, to be held in **Sun City, South Africa**, will provide a platform to bring together members of the fire community-of-practice who strive to promote learning and innovation, share practices and lessons common to sustainable use of the environment, wildland fire risk management and disaster reduction at local, national, regional and global scales. The conference will be conducted under the auspices of the United Nations' **International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)**, and convened by the regional sub-Saharan Wildland Fire Network, AfriFireNet.

The presentations, exhibitions and insights offered by international professionals and experienced fire management personnel will appeal not only to **fire specialists, scientists and practitioners**, but also to **students, commercial forestry and agriculture sectors, community leaders and decision-makers**.



Conference Objectives

Building on the outputs of the previous International Wildland Fire Conferences (Boston 1989, Vancouver 1997, Sydney 2003, Seville 2007), the objectives of the 5th conference are to:

- Provide a forum for fire management leaders, politicians, professionals, researchers and practitioners from throughout the globe to discuss and work on **critical fire issues** affecting communities, resources and ecosystems in all regions and co-operatively work on the consolidation of a **global wildland fire management strategy**.
 - Strengthen the **effectiveness** of the **Regional Wildland Fire Networks** and support their links into the UNISDR **Global Wildland Fire Network**.
 - Strengthen International Cooperation and Exchange in Fire Management Practice
 - Provide a platform for the fire management industry, research organizations and fire specialists to **display** innovations, new technologies, products and methods for wildland fire management and **interact** with the conference participants.
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Conference Topics

The Conference Programme will be thematically arranged to follow the key aspects of ***Integrated Fire Management (IFM)***:

- Fire Awareness and Prevention
- Protection and Prescribed Burning
- Resource sharing and co-ordination
- Fire Detection and Suppression
- Fire Damage Rehabilitation
- Fire Research

The Programme will include presentations on:

- Fire management and poverty alleviation in developing countries
- Fire management and carbon sequestration innovations
- Institutionalizing application of the Incident Command System
- International Exchange and Assistance Programmes and Protocols
- Aerial fire-fighting demonstration with live fire in a National Park

In light of these topics we invite those interested in attending, presenting and/or sponsoring the conference to complete the following online [form](#), or if you would simply like to be kept up to date, [subscribe](#) to our mailing list.
