



WILDFIRE 2011

The 5th International Wildland Fire Conference

South Africa

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**Living with Fire
Addressing Global Change through Integrated Fire Management**

Second Announcement

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REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Come to Africa for the 5th International Wildland Fire Conference.

Registration for delegates, presentations and exhibitors is now open.

The Programme includes a pre - conference Firewise Community training course, presentations and workshops, a field day in the surrounding Pilansberg Nature Reserve, aerial and equipment displays and exhibitions.

Sun City, one of South Africa's top destinations, provides centralised conferencing facilities in spectacular natural surroundings.

Conference Programme

The Conference Programme will be arranged around the theme
"Living with Fire - Addressing Global Change through Integrated Fire Management"

- Adapting to climate change: Integrated Fire Management in the post-Kyoto period
- Fire management and carbon sequestration innovations
- Community fire awareness, prevention and survival - revisiting Stay or Go
- Resource Sharing and Co-ordination
- Best practices and new technologies in fire detection and suppression
- Recent advances in fire science and fire management applications
- Developing future leaders and Leadership Programmes
- Using fire to sustain ecosystem services in fire adapted environments
- Mitigation, wildfire risk reduction and vulnerability
- Integrated Fire Management and poverty alleviation in developing countries
- 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.

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 and disaster risk management specialists, scientists and practitioners**, but also to **students, the conservation, commercial forestry and agriculture sectors, community leaders, policy 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.

