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## **SOUTH AFRICA TO HOST 16TH INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AIR POLLUTION PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION WORLD CLEAN AIR CONGRESS IN 2013**

**Cape Town, 12 September 2012** – The 16th International Union of Air Pollution Prevention and Environmental Protection Association (IUAPPA) World Clean Air Congress will for the first time be held in South Africa, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 29 September to 4 October 2013.

World Clean Air Congresses are unique, offering participants the opportunity to keep abreast of their own specialised areas of interest and to update themselves on all dimensions of air and related environmental policy – and at the same time to see them in the wider perspective of international developments in atmospheric sciences and policy.

Congresses have previously highlighted matters such as climate change, the Arctic, long range transport of air pollution, and the integration of air quality and climate policies – in some cases - years before they became matters of general concern.

“The congress theme: *“Many Nations - One Atmosphere: Plotting the Path to Sustainability”* will be incorporated in a programme covering topical issues such as air pollution and climate change, bio-diversity, eco-system services and crop damage, and international cooperation on air pollution.” said Hanlie Liebenberg-Enslin, President, IUAPPA.

The Congress will bring together corporate environment managers, the media, consultants, policy makers and government representatives, research scientists, project managers, regulators and industry environment officers, with interests including, for instance, air monitoring and analysis, control systems, consultant expertise and cleaner production initiatives - from more than 40 countries.” added Ms Liebenberg-Enslin.

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Congresses are held in all areas of the world. The last, in 2010, was held in Vancouver, Canada, preceded by Brisbane, Australia in 2007, London, UK, in 2004 and Seoul, Korea, in 2001.

The South Africa National Association for Clean Air (NACA), a non-profit organisation, was awarded the bid to host the congress, in Cape Town in 2013 and is responsible for all local arrangements.

The congress website went live on Friday, 7 September 2012 – [www.iuappa2013.com](http://www.iuappa2013.com).

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