



2023 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT & MAYORS' FORUM

Brisbane, Australia 11-13 October



2023 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2023APCS) & Mayors' Forum Frequently Asked Questions for General Delegates

THE 2023APCS

Where will the 2023APCS take place?

The main Summit program will take place at the [Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre](#) at South Bank. There will also be social events held at various venues across Brisbane, including Brisbane City Hall.

REGISTRATION

How do I register?

Visit apcsummit.org to register. Please see the below table for further details.

2023APCS registration packages

	Standard (before 30 September)	Late (from 1 October)
Full-time delegate	\$2,225	\$2,450
Griffith University Young Professionals' Forum (YPs@APCS)	\$655	
Concession	\$1,090	\$1,090
Full-time group registration (discount for five or more delegates)	\$1,670 per delegate	N/A

*Registration fees are expressed and are payable in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include Australian Goods and Services tax (GST) of 10%

* Concession rates are available for full time students and concession card holders.

*Group registrations must be processed in a single transaction and payment. Available for purchase in groups of five or more.

What does each full-time registration include?

- Opening ceremony and welcome reception
- Keynote, big picture and deep dive sessions
- Site visits
- Major Project Announcement Briefings
- Urban Walk
- Gala Dinner
- Meet@APCS business meetings



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- APCS Market Square Exhibition
- Meal breaks (Wednesday to Friday)
- Griffith University Young Professionals' presentation
- Presentation and signing of the Mayors' Accord
- Closing ceremony.

Who will attend the 2023APCS?

The previous APCS, held in Brisbane in 2019, attracted more than 1,400 delegates, representing 140 cities. Eighty-three Mayors and Deputy Mayors also attended the event. The combined population of the registered cities was 405 million people.

APCS attracts the highest calibre of delegates from across the globe, including:

- city mayors, councillors and CEOs
- company and business CEOs, directors, managers and leaders
- peak body and government representatives
- government heads of local, state and federal departments
- policy-makers in the urban agenda
- leaders in city tourism
- emerging leaders, researchers and change advocates
- innovators, influencers and trend-setters.

What are the opportunities and benefits of being involved with this event?

The 2023APCS offers a wide range of opportunities and may provide benefits to the groups listed below.

- **Local government employees** – discuss common issues and challenges facing governments throughout the world and offer professional development experiences.
- **Chief Executive Officers or General Managers** – meet with other government leaders from the Asia Pacific region and exchange ideas, challenges and best practice. Participate in the City Leaders' Forum powered by KPMG, a closed door, invitation-only event for senior unelected government officials.
- **Business Delegates** – the APCS has a strong reputation for fostering private-public partnerships and helping business expanding into key global markets. Through the Meet@APCS business program, delegates can arrange their own meetings and participate in networking events through the Summit program.
- **Local Chambers of Commerce** – businesses who wish to promote their brand or product to civic and business leaders of the Asia Pacific region's important metropolises. Encourage local business leaders to participate in the Meet@APCS business program and strengthen their global presence through business introductions and networking events.

How can I promote these opportunities to my professional networks?

Please contact the APCS Secretariat for promotional material, including images and text that can be inserted to local newsletters and communications by email at APCS@brisbane.qld.gov.au





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PROGRAM

What topics will be covered during the 2023APCS?

The overarching theme of the Summit is 'Shaping Cities for our Future' with three sub-themes to be discussed in each half-day session:

- **Cities of Connection** – technology, data and the people.
- **Cities of Sustainability** – adapting to growth, inclusivity and wellbeing.
- **Cities of Legacy** – creating events for prosperity and longevity.

Program outline

Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date program available [here](#).

Major Project Announcement Briefings

These briefings are an opportunity to share major projects that will open for tender or private sector involvement within the next 12 months. Major project presenters at the previous APCS included Asian Development Bank, Invest Hong Kong and local governments including Blacktown, Brisbane, Townsville, Mackay and Sunshine Coast.

How will Meet@APCS business meetings work?

The APCS has built a strong reputation for fostering private-public partnerships and helping businesses expand into key global markets. The Meet@APCS program focuses on building your global networks through business introductions, networking events, and entry to the main exhibition and networking hub - APCS Market Square. At the 2023APCS, the Meet@APCS program will have an app where registered delegates can connect with each other and request and accept meetings. It will open 7 days prior to the Summit and all delegates will be notified once this is available. There will also be a Meet@APCS registration desk on site during the Summit to assist with facilitation.

How do I choose which deep dive session I can attend?

After [registering](#), delegates can choose to attend any of the deep dive sessions they like as it is a walk-in format. All delegates will be notified about the range of interesting session topics closer to the event. Delegates are also encouraged to set up one-on-one meetings (i.e. Meet@APCS business meetings) using the app to maximise time and visit the exhibition area at APCS Market Square.

What is the dress code for the APCS?

The dress code for the 2023APCS, networking and social events is business attire. For the Urban Walk, the dress code is smart casual and comfortable walking attire is suggested. During October, the average temperatures in Brisbane can vary from 16 to 26°C.





ACCOMMODATION, TRAVEL AND VISAS

Will airport transfers be available?

Delegates will be required to make their own way from the airport to their accommodation. Visit the [Brisbane Airport website](#) for transport options.

What are the accommodation options?

A list of partner hotels will be provided to delegates and bookings will be able to be made with negotiated rates. Delegates are invited to make their own hotel bookings at the hotel of their choosing. Please refer to the accommodation tab of the website for further details.

In what language will the Summit be conducted?

English is the official language of the APCS. Simultaneous translation headsets will be provided for Mandarin and Tagalog and Auslan services will also be provided during keynote and plenary sessions. The Mayors' Forum will be conducted in English only. An interpreter is permitted if required for the Forum. Delegates requiring interpreting for meetings are required to bring their own interpreter to the Summit.

Visa Information

An official letter of invitation to attend APCS will be sent to non-Australian delegates for visa application purposes, once full payment for registration has been received. Unless you are a citizen of Australia or New Zealand, you will need to apply for and obtain a visa to enter Australia before you travel. It is strongly recommended that you apply at least six (6) weeks before you travel. For details on visas to enter Australia please visit www.border.gov.au

OPPORTUNITIES – MEETINGS AND NETWORKING

APCS has a strong reputation of facilitating connections with public and private sectors. Meet@APCS delivers introductions, networking and meeting opportunities via a suite of exclusive platforms:

- **The APCS App** – exclusively available to APCS participants. The APCS App is an interactive platform that allows delegates to build personal and business profiles, search and introduce themselves to other participants, request and confirm meetings and more. The app opens in advance of the Summit and remains open for two months post-event.
- **APCS Market Square** – a key feature of the Summit and provides display opportunities for businesses and city administrations, large and small. Anchored by the Brisbane Pavilion, an interactive space featuring meeting facilities, a café and more, the Market Square is the prime location for meeting other delegates and exhibitors at APCS. All delegate refreshment breaks and lunches are served in the Market Square which is located immediately adjacent to Summit meeting rooms.
- **APCS Networking Events** – the Summit offers excellent networking opportunities at prominent social events. Principal amongst these include the Networking Reception on the opening day, and the APCS Gala Dinner. Further invitation-only events are held over the course of the Summit.

