



2023 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT & MAYORS' FORUM

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2023 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2023APCS) & Mayors' Forum Frequently Asked Questions for International Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Governors

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

*Registration fees are expressed and are payable in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include Australian

	Standard (before 30 September)	Late (from 1 October)
Full-time Mayor/Deputy Mayor/Governor	\$1,890	\$2,145
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

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 Mayor's registration include?

- Opening ceremony and welcome reception
- Keynote, big picture and deep dive sessions
- Mayors' Forum (invitation-only event)
- Mayors' and City Leaders' Networking Lunch (invitation-only event)





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- Mayors', City Leaders', and Young Professionals' Networking Event (invitation-only event)
- Travel between events on Wednesday 11 October (transport provided)
- Gala Dinner
- Urban Walk
- Meet@APCS business meetings
- 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 1400 delegates, representing 140 cities. Eighty-three Mayors and Deputy Mayors also attended the event. The combined population of 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 Griffith University City Leaders' Forum, a closed door, invitation-only event for senior unelected government officials.
- **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.



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How can I promote these opportunities to local constituents?

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

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.

What is the Mayors' Forum and Accord?

The Mayors' Forum is an opportunity for elected government leaders to come together and share their insights, discuss trends and issues facing their cities, and develop solutions to promote growth and prosperity in cities. Participants will develop their own global network of influential peers and learn the latest trends and opportunities in city management.

Key achievements, outcomes and strategic objectives of the Mayors' Forum are summarised in the Mayors' Accord, which is presented to all delegates on the final day of the Summit and is signed by all participants. In 2019, the Mayors attending the APCS represented jurisdictions with a population of almost 99 million people, allowing the Mayors' Accord to directly impact the lives of this significant population.

The Mayors' Forum is by invitation only and is open to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Governors. Only one representative per city is permitted. The Mayors' Forum will be held on Wednesday 11 October 2023 at the Brisbane City Hall. Prior to the Mayors' Forum, a Mayors and City Leaders' Lunch will be held.

The Mayors' Forum will be co-facilitated by Curtis S. Chin, Chairman of the Milken Institute Asia Center, and Amos Garcia, Director of the Milken Institute Asia Center. As former U.S. Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank, Mr Chin has provided counsel to government and business on ESG, stakeholder engagement, public affairs, corporate responsibility, crisis management and market entry. Amos Garcia leads the Milken Institute Asia Center's events and programs related to financial technology, food and agriculture, and aging; as well as managing government relations in the Asia Pacific region. Prior to joining the Asia Center, Mr Garcia was a researcher for the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Attending Mayors will be emailed further detailed about this session in advance of the event.



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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.

How will I travel between events?

Delegates are required to make their way to and from the Brisbane Convention Centre on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 October. On Wednesday 11 October, transportation will be provided from Brisbane City Hall to the Opening Event.

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 temperature 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.

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

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.





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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.

OPPORTUNITIES – YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Are there any opportunities for young people at the 2023APCS?

The Griffith University Young Professionals' Forum (YPs@APCS) is designed for 18 to 30-year-olds who have experience in, and passion for, one or more of the Summit program sub-themes. YP delegates will be presented with a series of urban challenges relating to the Summit program themes and will be tasked with finding solutions which are cost-neutral or revenue-positive to city administrators.

Outside of the immersive program of inspiring speakers and workshops, Young Professional delegates may also attend keynote and big picture sessions, social functions and exclusive networking events. For more information about the Griffith University Young Professionals' Program, visit the [Young Professionals' Program page](#).

OPPORTUNITIES – HOST THE NEXT APCS IN 2025

Are there opportunities to host this event in our city in the future?

Expressions of interest are now open for your city to bid to host the 15th Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2025APCS) and Mayors' Forum. Hosting this event is an unprecedented opportunity to profile your city to the Asia Pacific region and globally. For more information about the bidding process, please email APCS@brisbane.qld.gov.au



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