



# 2023 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT & MAYORS' FORUM

Brisbane, Australia 11-13 October



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

### About the Young Professionals' Program

The Young Professionals' Program (YPs@APCS) is an exclusive program to equip the next generation of global leaders with tailored professional development, networking and the opportunity to develop their ideas and city solutions that are cost neutral or revenue generating. This program has a strong record of attracting talented and leading young minds from throughout the Asia Pacific region and beyond, whilst connecting them with city and business leaders to discuss and share their thoughts and solutions.

#### Inclusions of YPs@APCS:

- **Pre-summit engagement activities** - introduction and forum to discuss urban challenges and early networking
- **2023APCS Young Professionals' Forum** - including insightful sessions, world-renowned speakers, collective discussions and professional development
- **Young Professionals' Presentation** - chosen young professional solutions will be presented to audience of attending mayors, government officials and business leaders on the final day of the 2023APCS
- **Additional main program access** - including keynote sessions, big picture sessions, access to exhibitors and social and networking events.

#### Why join the YPs@APCS?

Participate in real-world learning with like-minded professionals through workshops. Create lasting change for the region while connecting with mayors, city and business leaders.

- The APCS Young Professionals' Forum is your unique opportunity to directly contribute to the future of cities
- Participate in real-world learning and discussions through workshops with peers and create lasting change for the region
- Collaborate with like-minded professional and gain exclusive access to mayors, city and business leaders
- Build your professional networks, be challenged by new ideas and connect with the future leaders of the Asia Pacific region and beyond

The Young Professionals' Forum is your opportunity to influence the decision-makers of the Asia Pacific region with solutions for today's urban challenges. [Register now](#) for fast-tracked professional development at the 2023APCS.

#### Where will the 2023APCS take place?

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



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## REGISTRATION

### How do I register?

Visit [apcsummit.org](http://apcsummit.org) to register. Please see the below table for further details.

### 2023APCS registration packages

	Early-bird (before 1 September)	Standard (before 30 September)	Late (from 1 October)
Young Professionals' Forum (YPs@APCS)	\$655		
Full-time delegate	\$1,780	\$2,225	\$2,450
Concession	\$1,090		
Full-time group registration (discount for five or more delegates)	\$1,245 per delegate	\$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 only.

### 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 and 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.



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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](#).

### 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 and 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. They will open 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.

### 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 16-26°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 may be provided for keynote and plenary sessions, subject to language demand. Delegates requiring interpreting for meetings are required to bring their own interpreter to the Summit.





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## 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](http://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, 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 are the Networking Reception on the opening day and the APCS Gala Dinner. Further invitation-only events are held over the course of the Summit.

