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## SASTA CONGRESS 2022

SASTA Congress 2022 starts next week! The Durban ICC will be buzzing from the 16 -18 August as we welcome delegates from around the globe. Online registration closed on 10 August 2022, but delegates can register at the congress itself from the 16 -18 August. Some highlights from this year's programme are provided below.

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### **Keynote Speaker: Dr Imtiaz Sooliman**

"Active Citizenry, the Door to South Africa's Success" is the title of the keynote address by Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, founder of the Gift of the Givers Foundation. Since its inception in 1992, the foundation has been responsible for providing life-saving goods and on-the-ground support (collectively valued at R2.3 billion) to people in more than 43 countries across the world, including South Africa. The foundation is the largest non-governmental disaster response organisation of African origin on the African continent. It unites people with a common vision to make a real and telling difference for the "Greater Good". We are extremely proud and excited to welcome Dr Sooliman to the 2022 SASTA Congress! He will address delegates in the opening session on Tuesday, 16 August 2022.





### **The Science of Change**

Dr John Pickering, internationally acclaimed behavioural change expert and a recipient of the SASTA international visitor's grant, will address delegates during the plenary session on Thursday the 18th. Dr Pickering, CEO of the Evidn Group, is the project director of one of Australia's largest environmental behaviour-change initiatives, Project *Cane Changer*, which involves the modification of farming practices in order to improve water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef. Cane Changer was recently included among the top 10 examples worldwide of how behavioural science is being applied to improve sustainability outcomes, including climate change mitigation. Dr Pickering will also host an interactive training workshop – “*How to make Change Happen*” – open to all delegates on Thursday afternoon.

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### **Congress Programme**

Our scientific programme is up to its usual standard, with both the Agriculture and Factory sections promising to challenge and educate us. The [full programme](#) can be found on our [website](#).

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### **A taste of the good stuff...**

For those looking for a taste of fun, Brad O'Neill from Sugar Baron Craft Distillery will tell us about his family's journey from sugarcane farm to craft rum distillers. Keep your diary open and your palate clear for Wednesday afternoon!



### Thank You Sponsors and Exhibitors

As usual, our exhibitors have shown great support for the SASTA Congress. Exhibitors' stalls will be available to visit throughout Congress, and the exhibitors' open afternoon will take place on Wednesday. A few stalls are still available if your company would like this great opportunity to showcase their business! Visit our [exhibition webpage](#) for booking details.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for this year's congress. Without your loyal support, our congress could not happen. See list of sponsors and exhibitors below.



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