# What happened since the UNWTO workshop in November 2009?

# Inputs from the National Department of Tourism (NDT)



# ... in summary

- Accommodation database was compiled and launched by the Minister of Tourism;
- Investigation into the perceived hiking of prices by accommodation establishments before the 2010 FIFA World Cup done through a survey;
- Draft National Tourism Sector Strategy was approved and published for public comments till 31 July 2010;
- Busy reviewing the Tourism Legislation in line with the Sector Strategy;



# Accommodation database

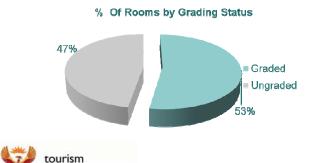




#### ... accommodation stats



- Total Accommodation Establishments: 18 882
  - 7 492 Graded
  - 11 390 Ungraded



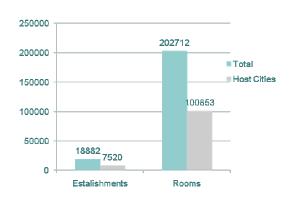
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- Total number of rooms : 202 712
  - 107 119 in Graded Establishments
  - 95 593 in Ungraded establishments

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### ... accommodation stats: Host Cities

# Host Cities Stats: Establishments and Rooms



- Total Number of Establishments in Host Cities: 7 520
- Total number of rooms in Host Cities: 100 853



# ... national total

#### o Current SA Database

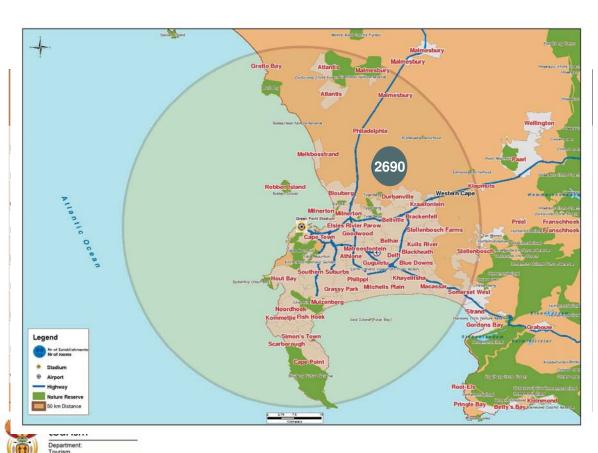
#### • 18 882 establishments

Rooms	*Beds
202 712	405 424

<sup>\*</sup> Used the ratio of 2 beds for every room



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# ... accommodation establishments per Host City (50km Radius)

Host City	Establishments (Nr.)	Rooms (Nr.)	Beds (Nr.)
Cape Town	2 690	29 865	59 730
Durban	1 067	13 751	27 502
Johannesburg	1 545		
Mangaung	225		
Nelspruit	301	4 484	8 968
Polokwane	149	2 794	5 588
Port Elizabeth	439	4 152	8 304
Rustenburg	164	3 489	6 978
Pretoria	940	12 855	25 710
Total	7 520	100 853	201 706



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# Price survey



# ... purpose of the study

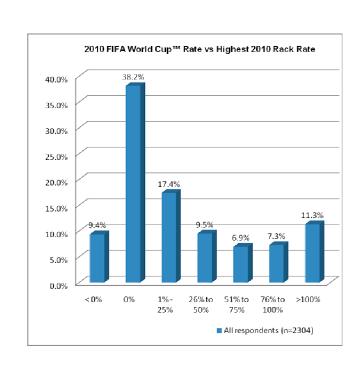
- Study was conducted by Grant Thornton;
- Concern about value for money perception offered by accommodation sector during the 2010 FIFA World Cup™;
- Anecdotal reports of 2010 FIFA World Cup<sup>™</sup> prices significantly above peak season rates;
- NDT required factual information on actual rates during the 2010 FIFA World Cup<sup>™</sup> with comparison to rates outside of the 2010 FIFA World Cup<sup>™</sup>;



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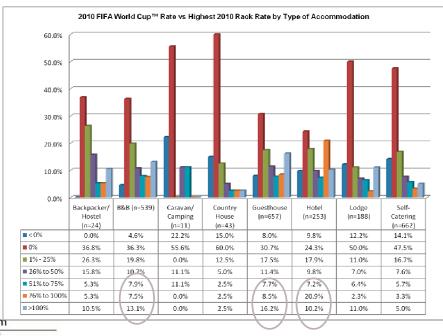
# ... 2010 FIFA World Cup™ Rate compared to Highest 2010 Rack Rate

- 74% no premium / charging a premium of 50% or less
  - 48% not charging a premium at all
- 26% charging a premium of more than 50% over highest 2010 rack rate
  - 11% charging a premium of more than 100%





# ... 2010 FIFA World Cup™ Rate compared to Highest 2010 Rack Rate – by accommodation type



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CAUTION: low sample size for Backpacker/Hostel, Caravan//Camping and Country House

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## ... conclusion

- Majority (74%) of operators were not charging a premium or premium of less than 50% on highest 2010 rack rate;
- 26% charging premium of 50% or more on highest 2010 rack rate;
- Price premiums are a global norm during "big events" principles of supply and demand;
- Extremely high premiums expected when demand far exceeds supply (i.e. Athens) – poor reputation IRO "gouging" inevitable;
- Lower premiums expected in areas further away from host cities and higher premiums close to stadia;
- · Research findings reflective of these economic principles;



## ... conclusion (cont.)

Mitigating arguments to high premiums:

- Prices increased off a low base will yield a high premium;
- Overall depressed rack rates due to tough market conditions;
- Rates influenced by contracts set in 2007 based on economic conditions that have not materialised;
- Contractually not permitted to alter rates until 10 April 2010;
- Inclusion of additional services/ facilities in 2010 FIFA
   World Cup<sup>TM</sup> rates compared to normal rates;
- Rates are quoted/ asked and not those actually achieved;

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## ... commitment made by the industry

- Code of Conduct for major events
- Industry will encourage membership of associations
  - ✓ Extend reach and influence to more stakeholders
- Continued strong action against transgressors



"Given the fact that South Africa is a robust free market economy, fans are encouraged to <a href="mailto:shop around">shop around</a>, and avoid establishments with exorbitant pricing, in line with our desire that South Africa continues to remain a value-for money destination"

Minister van Schalkwyk Leaders of the tourism industry 26 March 2010

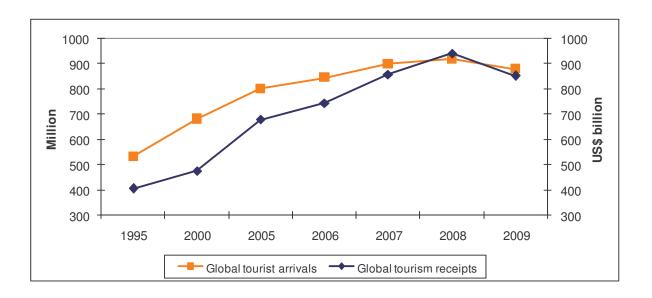


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# National Tourism Sector Strategy



# ... global picture

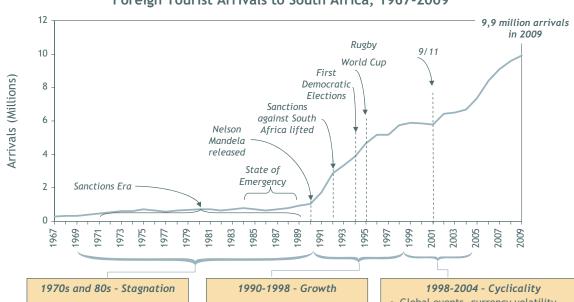




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#### ... arrivals to South Africa continues its upward climb reaching 9,9 million arrivals in 2009

#### Foreign Tourist Arrivals to South Africa, 1967-2009



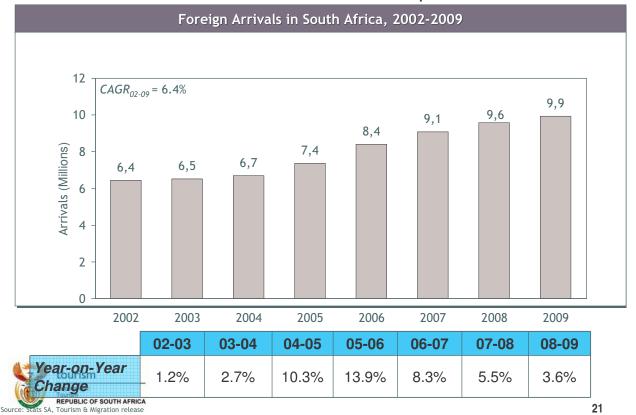
 Stagnation drove low investment, focus on narrow white domestic market and costs

• Initial period of short-term profit-taking followed by period of investment growth and entry of foreign players

- · Global events, currency volatility drove uncertainty and short-term strategy by firms
- Investment rates remain weak overall

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... there were over 63 million foreign arrivals to South Africa over the period 2002 and 2009



## ... scenarios and assumptions

- There is complete recovery from recession across the world (particularly in our core and investment markets);
- The country continues to collect revenue above target allowing for increased allocations to tourism;
- A positive and memorable 2010 experience for visitors and for viewers, listeners and web surfers;
- There is conducive political, policy and regulatory environment for travel and tourism;
- Complete ownership of responsibilities by all parties.
- There is limited blockages (e.g. natural disasters, access to development finance, market access...);

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# ... the development of the NTSS

#### O took into account the:

- principles and objectives of the Tourism White Paper of 1996;
- electoral mandate (e.g. growth and decent job creation);
- medium-term strategic framework priorities;
- new outcomes-based approach to government performance;

#### O recognised:

- tourism is a concurrent function across all spheres of government;
- enabling role that other government departments play in tourism;
- role that private sector and ordinary South Africans play in making tourism a success;

#### • acknowledges:

 that tourism, both internationally and domestically, has grown significantly since 1994 but recognises that it has not yet reached its full potential;



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## ... Vision

Boldly growing responsible tourism together to deliver memorable experiences for all our tourists and sustainable benefits for all South Africans



## ... Mission

#### We will achieve our vision through:

- o effective cooperative partnerships;
- o dramatically improving service levels;
- quality, innovative, unique and authentic products which meet market needs;
- o providing value for money;
- inspiring more South Africans to enjoy the tourism experiences of our country;
- ever increasing numbers of foreign tourists experiencing our country;
- o leading the world in environmentally sustainable tourism;
- o addressing people development;
- o providing decent work; and
- o increasing investment.



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#### ... responsible growth objectives

- To grow the tourism sector's absolute contribution to GDP by more than average GDP growth
- To achieve transformation within the tourism sector
- To provide excellent people development and decent work within the tourism sector
- To entrench a culture of travel amongst South Africans
- To deliver a world-class visitor experience
- To address the issue of geographic, seasonal and rural spread



# ... Key indicators

- oTo grow the tourism sector's absolute contribution to GDP by more than average GDP growth;
- •To achieve transformation within the tourism sector;

oTo provide excellent people development and decent work within the tourism sector:



- · Contribution to GDP and Employment;
- · Foreign Visitor Arrivals
- · Domestic Tourism:
- Investment:
- # of tourism industry companies with BBBEE ratings;
- # of tourism industry companies reaching Tourism Charter Targets;
- # of black majority owned companies (small, medium & large);
- · Culture of travel amongst South Africans;
- # of population penetration of black domestic tourists;
- Tourism industry provides decent work & the industry recognised as a provider of decent work:
- Tourism industry provides an attractive career choice, skills development and career progression;

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# ... Key indicators (cont.)

Africans:

Domestic holiday travel across all markets;

•Develop a positive attitude to and a greater

propensity / willingness to undertake leisure travel and holidays in SA amongst South

- oTo entrench a culture of travel amongst South Africans;
- oTo deliver a world-class visitor experience;
- oTo address the issue of geographic, rural and seasonal spread;
- Deliver experiences that equal/surpass expectations of foreign visitors;
- Meet of exceed expectations of domestic tourists;
- •Share of foreign tourist bed nights spent in least and mid-level visited provinces;
- •Share of domestic tourist bed nights spent in least visited provinces;
- •Number of visitors and bed nights spent in rural areas:
- Supply of rural tourism products with acceptable patronage & revenue levels;
- Seasonality index of all foreign arrivals;
- Share of foreign bed nights in low season months;
- Share of domestic bed nights in low season months;

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# ... key interventions

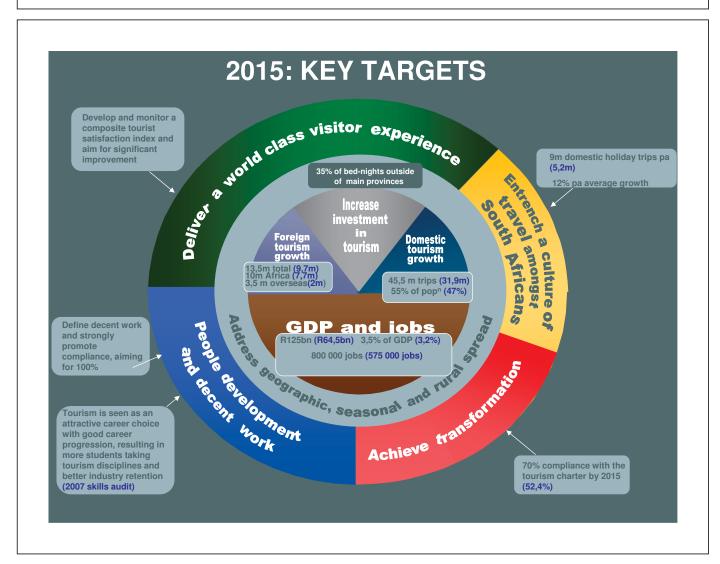
#### **Demand**

- Branding
- oConvention Bureau;
- oStrengthening of domestic tourism;
- oInternational Marketing (core markets)
- oNew markets identification and development

#### **Supply**

- Product development (e.g. cultural, heritage, rural);
- Niche tourism (e.g. science, cruise, medical);
- Strengthening of quality assurance (not only accommodation);
- Service excellence;
- Transformation (small, medium and large establishments);





## ... coordination mechanisms

- o Delivery Forum;
- o Participation of private sector;
- o Ownership of government entities;
- o Proper monitoring mechanisms;



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# ... moving forward

- More than 27 000 emails were received (<u>strategy@tourism.gov.za</u>);
- The comments will be studied and draft NTSS updated accordingly;
- Approval of NTSS from Cabinet;



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