

11th International education business Partnership Network Conference



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IPN 2012

Second Announcement - How to take part!

Moses Mabhida Stadium, Durban, South Africa

25th-28th September 2012

***Education, Community and Business Partnerships
Realizing Tomorrow, Today!***

The International education business Partnership Network ([The IPN](#)) has focused on the interface between education, business and community since 1992. [IPN 2012](#) marks the 20th anniversary of the first IPN conference in Birmingham, UK. The organization draws together networks and individuals from different countries and backgrounds to explore and facilitate the process of partnering as a strategy to enhance the transition from *learning to earning* for all ages.

The *learning to earning* transition is crucial to future economic prosperity. Countries around the globe face similar challenges including, rising youth unemployment, gender stereotyping and low take-up of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects and careers.

[IPN2012](#) will be hosted in Durban by [MIET Africa](#). MIET Africa, a member of the International education business Partnership Network, is a leading NGO with a substantial history of engaging with the realities of education on the African continent.

[IPN2012](#) will offer a unique opportunity for delegates to take part in professional development sessions run by experts in the field of partnership development from the IPN and its membership on the key principles of running successful and sustainable partnerships.

Delegates at [IPN2012](#) will also learn about, and from, creative, sustainable, effective and innovative partnerships and will exchange approaches to common issues with partnerships from across the world around the following themes:-

- [Partnerships](#) that demonstrate capacity building, leadership and innovation
- [Partnerships](#) for the development of enterprise and entrepreneurial skills
- [Partnerships](#) that inspire young people in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)
- [Partnerships](#) that support health, well being and learning
- [Partnerships](#) that have a key role in building employability skills for the 21st century

Who should be part of IPN2012?

Educators

Policy Makers

Trade Unions

Funders of Partnership Activity

Employers

Employer Organizations

Higher and Further Education

Vocational Education practitioners

NGOs

Careers Guidance Professionals

Global Best applicants past and present

....and anyone who has an interest in improving opportunities for youth globally!

How to be part of IPN2012

[IPN2012](#) aims to encourage all delegates to actively engage in information sharing, networking, and learning, however if you want to make a more formal contribution then the IPN are now seeking partnerships to get involved in IPN2012 in a variety of capacities, we are seeking:

- successful partnerships to exhibit during the conference
- discussion group leaders to lead sessions around the conference themes
- entries to the Global Best Awards
- entries to the Global Enterprise Challenge @IPN2012.

To find out more, read on!

Delegate Fees

On-line registration for IPN2012 will go live in January 2012, to pre-register interest email us at info@iebpn.net and keep a look out on the IPN website and the MIET website for more details. Delegate fees are as follows (all fees are shown in South African Rand).

Register by 31st May 2012 and the following fees apply per delegate;

Early Bird Registration	ZAR6600
Early Bird Registration (IPN Members and their Networks) *	ZAR6000
Early Bird Registration (Groups of 5 or more)	ZAR6000

Register after 31st May and the following fees apply per delegate;

Late Registration	ZAR7200
Late Registration (IPN Members and their Networks) *	ZAR6500
Late Registration (Groups of 5 or more)	ZAR6500

NB. Only one discount can be applied per registration.

*Should you wish to take advantage of the reduced rate by becoming an IPN member, log onto the [IPN website](#) to find out how.

Delegate Fees include all conference costs but exclude accommodation and transport costs, except for official conference transport to and from the venues and study visits which are part of the main conference program.

For an additional cost accommodation and travel can be arranged. Delegates will benefit from the special rates that have been negotiated with prime hotels and transport companies. Delegates can apply for this service on line when they register for the conference.

Pre and Post Conference Study Visits and Tours

In addition to the visit packages offered as part of the main conference IPN2012 will also offer delegates the opportunity to see beyond Durban and its surrounding area. For an **additional charge** the IPN and the South African host MIET Africa will arrange for study visits to a variety of successful and innovative partnerships in Cape Town and the surrounding area. If you are interested in this then please make sure you indicate this when you are completing your on-line registration. NB Registration will go live in January 2012!

Delegates will also be offered the opportunity to add on a variety of leisure activities all over South Africa, such as visits to game parks or visits to various hubs including Cape Town and Johannesburg

Exhibitions

IPN2012 will offer delegates the opportunity to showcase their partnership at strategic locations around the venue for the duration of the conference. This is an excellent opportunity to reach a large number of delegates at the conference as well as to discover potential partners from across the globe. Partnerships will be able to display posters as well as have space for promotional materials. Space is limited so it may not be possible to accommodate all submissions. Details of how to exhibit at IPN2012 can be found on the [IPN website](#).

Formal exhibition space will also be available, details on how to secure a space will be available in January 2012.

Discussion Forums

IPN2012 aims to maximize information sharing, interaction and networking and so we are offering partnerships the opportunity to lead discussion groups around the themes of the conference. We will use their experiences as the starting point for further discussion and information sharing. Details of how to lead a discussion group can be found on the [IPN website](#).

Global Best Awards

The Global Best Awards have been an integral part of IPN conferences for 20 years and IPN2012 is no exception. The Global Best Award categories will follow the themes of the conference and will be awarded at a Gala Dinner on Thursday 27th September. Full details on how to submit your partnership for a Global Best Award can be found on the [IPN website](#).

Closing date for submission is 1st March 2012!

Global Enterprise Challenge

The Global Enterprise Challenge@IPN2012 was first introduced at the conference in Toronto in 2010. Following on from the success in Toronto the IPN will again be seeking entrants to take part in this exciting youth challenge which will take place in real time during the conference.

Teams from around the globe will have 8 hours to complete a challenge that requires them to produce a '3 minute elevator pitch' to be loaded on to YouTube. Winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on Thursday 27th September. Full details about the [Global Enterprise Challenge@IPN2012](#) and how to enter can be found on the [IPN website](#).

We hope that this has given you a flavor of what will be on offer at IPN2012 in Durban, South Africa and how you can become part of what is sure to be an exciting and vibrant conference.

We look forward to welcoming you to IPN2012 in Durban, September 2012!



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