



With heightened concerns around COVID-19, ISF is currently reviewing different scenarios for the World Seed Congress 2020 in Cape Town. Again, we emphasize our full commitment to the health and safety of our expected 1,200 participants traveling from around the globe.

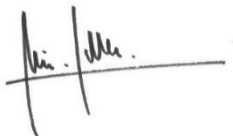
We continue to monitor on a day-to-day basis. ISF and the NOC are constantly updated with information from authorities and partners regarding the health and travel situation.

This week ISF Secretary General Michael Keller, two representatives from the NOC Lukeshni Chetty and Riaan Roselt, and representatives from our Core PCO completed a site visit to Cape Town to assess the situation and work in coordination with partners and concerned authorities on deciding the best way forward.

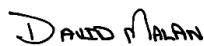
Considering the unprecedented circumstances, we have extended the deadline for free cancellation of congress registration to **8 April 2020**, excluding an administrative fee of Eur 50. This allows ISF and the NOC, and all our delegates, sponsors, and providers more time to be able to make an informed decision.

Those who booked their hotels through ISF will have no cancellation fees applied to their hotel booking as long as they are cancelled before 8 April 2020.

We encourage all to remain calm. ISF assures you that we will provide sufficient and timely information to enable you to make a decision, and keep you posted on further developments. We thank you for your continued trust.



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