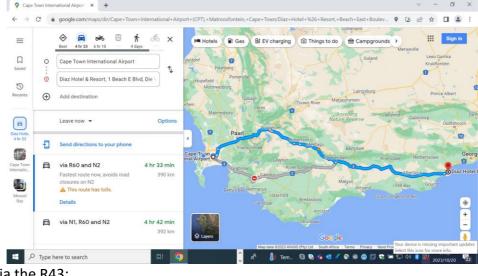
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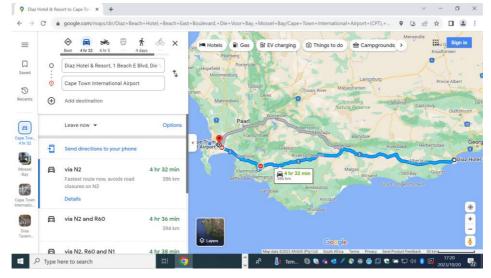
Dear Delegate of CATSA2023

CATSA2023 is coming soon, and we presume you are in full preparation for your trip to Mossel Bay. The weather is thought to be pleasant (23-26 °C) with a moderate wind (13-20 km/h), but with a high UV-index (don't forget to pack sunscreen and hat).

As you may have heard, we had some severe floods in the Western Cape on 26 September. This may still affect the travel to Mossel Bay for people travelling via Cape Town as a part of the N2 was washed away between Bot Rivier and Caledon. The repair works are on-going but may not have finished by the time we will have CATSA2023. In that case, people travelling from Cape Town to Mossel Bay are advised to travel via the R60:



and back via the R43:



The organizing committee is overwhelmed by the positive response to the call for this conference and we are at full capacity. This means that not all delegates can be accommodated

at the Diaz Beach Hotel, and the organizing committee had to source additional accommodation to cater for the large number of delegates with most of the accommodation near the Diaz Beach. We will communicate in the next few days with those of you who will not be accommodated in/near the Diaz Beach Hotel.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Mossel Bay on 05 November to have a successful CATSA2023.

On behalf of the organizing committee,

Eric van Steen

Chair of the local organizing committee