



NITA Training on Human Rights Strategic Litigation and Trial Advocacy

Logistics information

Cape Town, South Africa

13 - 16 November 2026

Welcome

We are delighted that you will be joining us for the Training on Human Rights Strategic Litigation and Trial Advocacy in Cape Town.

This in-person, intensive training builds on PILnet's previous regional skills-based programming and takes place following the PILnet Global Forum. This programme will bring together public interest and pro bono lawyers from across Africa to strengthen practical litigation skills and advance strategic approaches to human rights advocacy.

Event Details

Dates: 13 - 16 November, 2026

Training venue

Scalabrini Centre, 47 Commercial Street, Cape Town CBD 8001 South Africa

Tentative agenda overview

Day 1: 13 November – Full day

Day 2: 14 November – Full day

Day 3: 15 November – Half day (noon start)

Day 4: 16 November – Full day

Estimated daily schedule (full days): **9:30am – 5:00pm**

Accommodation

Below are a few hotel options within a short drive of the venue: (Prices indicated are per night)

- Holiday Inn Express Cape Town City Center by IHG (3-star hotel around \$78 per night; 6 min drive and 13 min walk to Scalabrini Center)
- Old Bank Hotel - Lion Roars Hotels & Lodges, Cape Town City Center (4-star hotel around \$126 per night; 5 min drive and 11 min walk to Scalabrini Center)
- Hyatt Regency Cape Town (5-star hotel around \$318 per night; 9-min drive and 15-minute walk to Scalabrini)
- DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town (4-star hotel around \$116 and 10 min drive, 55 min walk from Scalabrini)
- Canopy by Hilton Cape Town Longkloof (4-star hotel, around \$283 per night and 7-min drive, 19-minute walk to Scalabrini)
- AC Hotel Cape Town Waterfront (4-star hotel, around \$204 per night; 11-min drive and 35-minute walk to Scalabrini)

For participants attending the Forum:

- Century City Hotel Bridgewater - approximately \$353 per night
- Century City Hotel Urban Square - approximately \$275 per night
- Cape Town Marriott Hotel Crystal Towers - approximately \$190 per night
- Colosseum Hotel - approximately around \$121 per night
- StayEasy Century City - approximately around \$80–\$118 per night

For participants attending the PILnet Global Forum (10-12 November), you can find some other hotel options [here](#).

Travel Information

Nearest airport: Cape Town International Airport (CPT)

Transport: Airport taxis are available. Ride-hailing services such as Uber and Bolt operate in Cape Town and are recommended for convenience and safety.

Distance from airport to CBD: approximately 20 km (20-30 minutes, depending on traffic).

Health Requirement

There are no mandatory vaccinations for most travelers; however, if you travel from or through a yellow fever risk area, you must present a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate.

Meals

Lunch, tea, and coffee breaks will be provided during the training. If you have dietary restrictions, kindly inform us when completing the registration form.

Visa Information

Please ensure you meet visa requirements for South Africa prior to travel. If you require a visa support letter, please contact PILnet. For more information on whether you need a visa, please visit the [South Africa government portal](#).

Health & Safety

Cape Town is generally safe for visitors, though, as with travel to any major city, participants are encouraged to exercise normal precautions. Avoid displaying valuables or cash openly, be mindful when moving around at night, and use ride-hailing services where possible.

Emergency number in South Africa: **112** (mobile)

Police: 10111

Ambulance: 10177

PILnet Global Forum

Join us from November 10-12 in Cape Town, South Africa, for the 2026 PILnet Global Forum! We are excited to once again come together for three days of engaging workshops, networking opportunities, and discussions, where we'll work together to identify innovative strategies, partner to find solutions, and support the growth of pro bono in Africa and globally.

Each year, the PILnet Global Forum brings together lawyers, in-house counsel, and bar associations, along with representatives of civil society and academia from around the world, to discuss how best to use pro bono and public-interest lawyering to support nonprofit and civic organizations and build more just, sustainable societies. For faculty who may be interested, the timing allows participation in both events on a single trip. More information about the Forum is available [here](#).

Other Practical Information

Time Zone: South Africa is GMT+2 (no daylight savings).

Driving: South Africans drive on the left side of the road.

Weather in Cape Town (in November): Generally warm during the day with cooler evenings. Light layers are recommended.

Currency: The local currency is the South African Rand (ZAR).¹ South African Rand equals 0.062 United States Dollars. ATMs and card payments are widely available. It is advisable to carry some cash for smaller purchases.

Wi-Fi & Connectivity: Wi-Fi is available at the airport and most hotels. You can purchase a local SIM card at the airport upon arrival (passport required), or arrange an e-SIM before travelling.

Power: South Africa uses Type M plugs (230V). A universal adaptor is recommended.

Food & Water: Tap water in Cape Town is safe to drink. Bottled water is also widely available.

Pharmacy & Medical Services: Pharmacies are widely available in Cape Town and stock most common medicines. If you require prescription medication, please bring enough for the duration of your stay. Private hospitals and clinics are available should you require medical attention.