To whom it may concern,

Down Syndrome International together with local hosts Down Syndrome South Africa take pride hosting the next World Down Syndrome Congress for the first time on African soil, giving us the opportunity of learning and sharing experiences from across the globe. The aim of this congress is for all participants to gain experience on the latest developments and up to date knowledge and tools to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome.

We would like this opportunity of inviting you to participate in this 11th World Down Syndrome Congress. Down Syndrome South Africa is planning a dynamic Programme that will cater for all parents and family members of people with Down syndrome, people with Down syndrome, professionals including health, education, and research practitioners. This exciting Programme will ensure that all who participate will benefit. We strongly encourage participation and presentations from people with Down syndrome.

In following on from the 10th Conference held in 2009 in Dublin, we continue with a second interactive workshop for adults with Down syndrome. This event is called INDABA, which has been developed especially for adults with Down syndrome where their wishes and desires will be voiced and heard in this open forum. In addition, we will be hosting a one day pre-congress Medical Symposium. These pre congress workshops will take place on the 14th August 2012.

The congress will take place at the Cape Town Convention Centre (CTICC), in Cape Town. Which offers superb facilities and state of the art technologies. Please log onto our website for more information regarding the congress. www.wdsc2012.org.za.

This letter of invitation does not include the registration fee and travel related expenses, these will be for your own costs.

We look forward to welcoming you to the mother city- Cape Town.

Yours truly,

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