

ALBERT LUTHULI ICC DURBAN ARENA (ICCD A)

Address: Dr A.B. Xuma Street
Ward: 26
Client: City Architects
Contract Period: 2006 - 2008
Contract Value: R393 million

The ICCDA was required not only to expand the existing conference and exhibition facility to ensure its competitiveness since opening in 1997, but also to enable a more diverse range of activities, but also to contribute towards the growth objectives of the Integrated Development Plan and Long Term Development Framework.

The concept was to showcase ICCDA as part of the public realm by reducing visual & physical obstacles between the public outside and activities within.

The scale and nature of the building reflect local culture and contribute to a memorable landmark-experience for visitors. Although the new wing is an extension of the original facility, essentially doubling its size, the design intention has been to give it a unique identity while respecting the existing ICC building.

The extension includes a large indoor arena with a higher ceiling height which accommodates 6,000 spectators for sporting events and 10,000 for concerts and has a 25 000m² exhibition space. It is located so as foyers and public areas command outstanding connections to outdoor landscaped spaces.

