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Mumbai, March 29, 2017

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 29

8:30-13:30 14:30-18:00

Pre-registered Pre-Conference Tours: Heritage Tour and City Tour of South Mumbai Dharavi Tour

> 15:00-19:00 Registration open

> > 18:00

Informal "Meet & Greet" for First-Time Conference Attendees and Buddies

17:30-19:00

Optional Happy Hour and dinner in hotel

18:30-22:30

Optional Mumbai Street Food Tour

18:30-22:30

Dinner- 3 Boards: FAWCO, Foundation, FAUSA

WELCOME TO MUMBA!!

Congratulations and kudos to all the delegates for making it to Mumbai! Welcome! After getting through the visa applications and packing hurdles, I hope you get some time to recuperate to be ready for a very exciting conference that has been in the works for almost 16 months! Great to see you have all arrived. I have had the pleasure to have met many of you at previous conferences and am super excited to see you here! I very much look forward to getting to know all the newbies and those whom I have not met before. Know that if there is anything at all that you need, please don't hesitate to ask. The AWCM Hospitality desk is there for you! We are all here to Learn*Reach*Shine. Let's have a super time together!

Meenakshi Advani AWC Mumbai President and FAWCO Biennial Conference Chair

Hi Delegates,

I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you very shortly. Over the last eight months, I have lived in a virtual world of emails, Skype calls and messages while conference planning, organizing hotel rooms, helping with travel itineraries and Facebook posts so having a chance to meet face to face and interact as real humans is very exciting! I have been privileged to be a part of this entire process and feel as though I have a 100 new friends ... Welcome to Mumbai!

Dottie Wagle AWC Mumbai Conference Planning Chair





Meenakshi Advani (L), AWC Mumbai President and FAWCO Biennial Conference Chair Dottie Wagle (R), AWC Mumbai Conference Planning Chair



Wednesday's Reminders

Please don't forget to hand in your silent auction items in the hotel lobby.

Newcomers, please meet your buddies at the breakfast meeting on Thursday at 8am in the Mexican Room.

Please arrive promptly on Thursday at 10am in the Rooftop room. We need a quorum for the AGM!

Please bring a little cash to lunch/dinner for drinks.

The Queen's Necklace

The official name for the road is Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Road. But let's stick with Marine Drive, shall we? At the northern end of the road is Chowpatty Beach (where our street food tour will take place) and at the southern end is Nariman Point.

Marine Drive, also known as the Queen's Necklace, is a C-shaped road along the coast of Mumbai. It's called the Queen's Necklace because the lights resemble a jeweled necklace. When you have a chance, go upstairs in the Trident and see for yourself! Marine Drive is also a great place for a stroll along the water or a place from which to watch the sunset. You"ll find it cooler in the evenings, when there's a breeze coming off the Arabian Sea. For Mumbaikars, it's a place of respite from the crush of the city.

Along the road you'll notice many restaurants and shops. You'll be spoiled for choice: you can have a treat at Natural Ice Cream near the Intercontinental, shop for sarees or just about anything else in the many shopping arcades. Even if your time in Mumbai is limited, you won't feel cheated if you make the most of this amazing location.

Fun Facts about Mumbai & India

Rudyard Kipling was born in Mumbai in 1865.

Salman Rushdie was born here in 1947.

Flamingos migrate to Mumbai every winter. They're here between October and March until the first monsoons begin.

Dabbawalas - those who deliver fresh lunches to office workers in Mumbai, have developed a delivery system that is recognized as one of the best managed supply chains in the world.

Ayurveda is a system of medicine and traditional well-being that originated in India. Its origins have been traced to 5,000 BC. It's one of the few systems of medicine that is still widely practiced. Ayurvedic treatment regards the body, mind and personality as a single unit. Many of the tenets of Ayurvedic medicine have been integrated into Western medicine.

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