



Happy Valentine's Month!

We hope February has been a month filled with success and growth for all our members! As we step further into 2025, we are excited to share some fantastic updates and upcoming events with you.

Exciting Leadership Announcement!

We are thrilled to announce that Ingrid du Buisson has stepped into the role of CEO of the ICFF! Ingrid is taking the reins to lead our professional body to new heights, and we look forward to the incredible developments under her leadership.

Ingrid will be hitting the road to meet with Freight Forwarders, Customs Agents, Universities, and industry professionals to raise awareness of the ICFF and the vital role we play in shaping the industry. Be sure to stay tuned for updates as she embarks on this journey!



ICFF and Da Vinci Business School Collaboration!

We are excited to announce a significant collaboration between the ICFF and Da Vinci Business School! On 27 February 2025, the ICFF and Da Vinci Business School officially joined forces by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This partnership aims to:

-  **Enhance knowledge, innovation, and professionalisation** within the customs and freight forwarding industry through academic and professional partnerships.
-  **Promote the development of professional designations** via ICFF and academic excellence through Da Vinci University.
-  **Foster collaboration between industry and academia**, contributing to the professional growth of individuals and the advancement of organizational practices.

This partnership represents a major step forward in strengthening the industry's professional and educational landscape!



From left to right: Dr Sam February, Yolandi Dercksen, Ingrid Du Buisson, Prof HB Klopper

Why Obtain a Professional Designation?

A professional designation is more than just a title—it is a mark of credibility and excellence.

Here are some key benefits:

- ✓ Enhances professional recognition and credibility in the industry.
- ✓ Provides assurance to employers about the competency levels of their staff.
- ✓ Opens career advancement opportunities and increases employability.
- ✓ Ensures that professionals stay up to date with industry standards.
- ✓ Offers access to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points, keeping professionals competitive locally and internationally.

CPD is not just a South African requirement—it is gaining significant international traction. By obtaining a professional designation, you can secure CPD points and stay ahead in an evolving global market.

Get Involved – Join Our Committees!

The ICFF is actively looking for members to volunteer and join our committees. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the industry, make a difference, and be part of shaping the future of customs and freight forwarding. We are currently seeking volunteers for the following committees:

- **Membership, Policies, and Standards Committee** – Support us in ensuring we provide our members with the highest standards, ethics, and conduct in our industry.
- **Research Committee** – Explore and research the latest challenges and trends in our industry.
- **Audit and Risk Committee** – Assist in managing risk and ensuring financial and operational compliance.
- **Disciplinary Committee** – Uphold professional conduct and manage disciplinary matters within the ICFF.

To apply, please send your CV along with an Application Letter detailing how you can add value to the committee you wish to join.



Save the Date – ICFF Roadshow 2025!

Join us for our first roadshow of the year! Mark your calendars for Friday, 11 April 2025, at the Birchwood Hotel.

Don't miss out on our incredible guest speakers:



Donald MacKay
Trade Specialist



Juanita Maree
CEO of SAAFF



Gary Marshall
CEO of SAEPA

They will be sharing the latest industry insights, trends, and developments. This is an event you don't want to miss!



RSVP to Lerato to secure your spot - Imapheto@icff.co.za

Happy Birthday to Our VP, Yolandi Dercksen!

A special Happy Birthday to our Vice President, Yolandi Dercksen, who celebrates her birthday on 1 March 2025! We appreciate all that you do for the ICFF and wish you a fantastic year ahead!



Become a Member – Join the ICFF Family!

Becoming a member of the ICFF means being part of a professional network committed to industry excellence. Join us today and take your career to the next level!

For more information, visit our website or contact us directly.

**Best regards,
The ICFF Team**