



# NewsPulse

## SA women qualify for 2009 CWC

The South African women's cricket team enjoyed an unbeaten run through the ICC Women's World Cup qualifying tournament, which ended in Stellenbosch in February, to book their a place at the 2009 World Cup in Australia.

Captain Cri-Zelda Brits and her side swept Pakistan aside in a one-sided contest to put an exclamation mark on a very successful tournament for the hosts.

Batting first, Pakistan managed only 61 all out in 24.3 overs as Alicia Smith proved too much for the Asians to handle. She became the first South African woman to take a five-for in a one-day international, capturing 5 for 7 in eight overs, as only one Pakistani made it into double figures.  
<http://www.southafrica.info>

## Successfully connecting women

This year's *Women's Show* exhibition, held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (ICC) from 1-3 February enjoyed an increase in its attendance figures, mustering a visitor total of 11 262 visitors. South Africa's only lifestyle show dedicated entirely to women was premised on the theme: celebrating our similarities.

The Show included 130 exhibitors and 80 live performances and presentations on the Women's Lifestyle Stage, ranging from informative lifestyle talks, business discussions, fashion workshops and makeovers to comedy acts and dance routines, as well as exhibits showcasing some of South Africa's best loved consumer brands and personalities.

<http://www.cbn.co.za>

## Fund for women entrepreneurs

The Department of Trade and Industry and financial services group Old Mutual have launched the Isivande Women's Fund, with the aim of providing small, women-owned businesses with more affordable, usable and responsive financial solutions.

The fund, which targets black women in small businesses as well as female entrepreneurs who are running their own enterprises, will specialise in debt financing, offering loans ranging from R30 000 to R2-million.

Qualifying companies will be 60% female-owned and have at least a two-year track record of business activity and a sustainable business plan.

Source: *BuaNews*

## Online *honeymoon* and gift registry service

Fiona Hilton, MD and founder of The Wedding Gift List, a newly established up-market online gift registry service for bridal couples in South Africa, has added another exciting element to her offering – a Honeymoon Registry. This is a first for South Africa as no other independent gift registry service in the country offers bridal couples the option of asking guests to contribute to their honeymoon expenses instead of buying a conventional gift.

Says Fiona: "So many couples set up home together before getting married or marry later in life and have everything they need – we saw a big gap in the market for offering an alternative wedding gift that really would be part of the wedding experience."

The honeymoon registry enables guests to contribute towards the costs of the bridal couples' honeymoon by purchasing vouchers on The Wedding Gift List website beforehand.

Fiona has partnered with Thompsons Travel, and together they offer bridal couples a variety of travel packages to make their honeymoon an unforgettable experience.

For more information, visit [www.weddinggiftlist.co.za](http://www.weddinggiftlist.co.za).