

2008 CONVENTION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday Jul 23rd

Item/Event: Workshops only - must be pre-registered

Location: University of Toronto -Mississauga (UTM)

8:00am - 10:00am	Registration, hot breakfast, coffee
10:00am - 12:00pm	Workshop
12:00pm - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:15pm - 2:30 pm	Workshop
2:30pm - 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45pm - 4:00 pm	Workshop
4:00pm - 6:00 pm	Leisure time for delegates
6:00pm - 9:00 pm	Welcome reception for delegates*

* A wine & cheese reception at the Faculty Lounge of UTM for full delegates attending the convention with entertainment and visiting dignitaries.

Thursday Jul 24th

Item/Event: Workshops and Presentations; concurrent with each other (delegates must choose what they wish to attend) *Location:* UTM

Workshops Sessions (9a-10a; 10:30a-12n; 2p-3:15p)

Fashion Design	Wendell Rodricks
Environment & Goa	Helga Gomes, Joaquim Goes
Konkani language & cuisine	55+; TEGSA; West End Seniors
Writer's craft	Victor R. Ribeiro, Ben Antao
Youth Identity	Christine Pinto, Ranvir Jangi
Art & Music	Victor Martins, Alexyz

Panel Discussions and Presentations; Concurrent with workshops (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Goan Literature, Ben Antao
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	LUNCH w/ keynote speaker
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Art & Music, Francis Rodrigues.
4:30pm - 5:30 pm	Association Presentations*

*IGO / GCO / GOA / Seniors Groups / Can Orient / Mangalorean Assoc / Anglo Indian etc.

Evening Entertainment: **Goan Idol** (7:00 - 9:00pm)

Singing competition for four age categories with an emphasis on Konkani entries.

Audience \$10; (included for delegates)

Participants \$25; *Location:* UTM CCT1080

Friday Jul 25th

Item/Event: Workshops and Presentations; Concurrent with each other (delegates must choose what they wish to attend) *Location:* UTM

Workshops Sessions (9:00am - 3:15pm)

9:00am - 10:15am	Workshop
10:15am - 10:30am	BREAK
10:30am - 11:45am	Workshop
12:00pm - 1:45pm	LUNCH with Keynote speaker
2:00pm - 3:15pm	Workshop

Panel Discussions and Presentations; Concurrent with workshops (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

10:00am - 12:00 pm	Environmental Issues, Dean D'Cruz
12:00pm - 1:45pm	LUNCH
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Diaspora - The present and the future
4:30pm - 5:30 pm	Association Presentations*

Friday Evening Entertainment (7:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

Super hit tiatr "Adeus" – by Jr. Menezes

to be held at the **Living Arts Center**, Mississauga (separate ticketed event from \$25 to \$65)

Saturday Jul 26th

Day event: Viva Goa celebrations (ticket included)

Night: Convention Ball (separate ticket - \$50). **Platinum Banquet Hall and Convention Centre, Vaughn.** Entertainment includes fashion show with local talent featuring Goan designers, Jazz pianist, stand-up comic and much more....

How to Participate:

Online – Go to

<http://2008goanconvention.com/registration.php>

By Phone: Call

416-510-1347 (Francis) or 416-208-9304 (Bosco)

Mail Completed Registration Form and Fee to:

GoaNetters Association of Toronto
18 Geraldton Crescent
Toronto, ON-M2J 2R6,
CANADA.

Fee schedule until June 30th, 2008:

Regular : 3 days - \$249; single day \$100

Students : 3 days - \$125; single day \$50

"GoaNetters Association of Toronto"

Presents



<http://2008goanconvention.com>

July 23rd-July 26th 2008

G.I.A.N.T. Theme

'Goan Identity And Networking Today.'

Featuring: Workshops-Panel Discussions – Goan Idol – Tiatr – Grand Convention Ball & more

Sponsors:

University of Toronto, Mississauga - International Goan Organisation – Goan Charitable Organisation - Goan Overseas Association, Toronto - CanOrient Catholic Association of Canada - Mangalorean Association of Canada – Anglo-Indian Association of Canada

Principal Convention Organizers:

Kevin Saldanha	Convention Director
Lisette Saldanha	Events Co-ordinator
Ben Antao	Media Director
Francis Rodrigues	GNAT President
Bosco D'Mello	Director of Operations

2008 International Goan Convention Programme.

The objectives of this convention are two-fold:

1. To foster a sense of Goan identity in the diasporic community, especially the youth, some of whom may be second or third generation removed from Goa.
2. To create awareness for the state of affairs in Goa currently and how the Diaspora can help in achieving sustainable growth and development at home.

We hope to achieve these goals through two main components - workshops and presentations. Several interactive workshops will allow participants to experience the Goan culture and traditions of cuisine, music, drama and language. Other contemporary workshops will focus on fashion design and writers craft, both with a Goan emphasis. The presentations are designed to inform the community of what is happening in Goa today, and how this may affect Goans abroad. One environmental workshop will elucidate how the current global changes will affect the local Goan ecology and how we can all work to mitigate its threat.

WORKSHOPS - July 23rd To 25th.

Traditional Culture

The Konkani language workshop, including a discussion on Goan Cuisine will recognize that our seniors are the custodians of information related to our heritage, traditions and culture. This richness will be forever lost if not passed on to younger generations. The workshop will be led by seniors with the following content:

1. The Konkani workshop will impart basic conversational Konkani to the attendees.
2. Goan cuisine will be discussed during this workshop.

Goan Identity Workshop (for youth)

The "**Identity Workshop**" will be facilitated by **Christine Pinto** and **Ranvir Jangi**, who are both experienced facilitators who specialize in this field. This workshop is designed to initiate a discussion with second and third generation youth to help them clarify what they mean when they identify themselves as Goans, but are unable to explain the historical or cultural framework of that identity.

The workshop will address the age-old question that plagues all generations that have been removed from the homeland:
"What does being a Goan mean to me?"

Contemporary Culture

Fashion Design, Writers craft and Environmental Workshops will serve to inspire attendees to pursue their ambitions in non-traditional careers in the arts.

The Fashion workshop will be led by **Wendell Rodricks**, the internationally acclaimed fashion designer, who will deliver a three day workshop to interested participants.

The Writers Craft workshop will be led by internationally published Goan authors, **Victor Rangel-Ribeiro and Ben Antao**. Attendees will also have exposure to other well known published authors from the Goan diaspora.

The Environmental Workshop will be hosted by **Dr. Helga R. Gomes** and **Dr. Joaquim Goes**, internationally renowned Environmental scientists who will deliver a workshop on one of the globe's "hottest" subjects. **Clinton Vaz** will put their concerns into a Goa-centric context for the participants.

Your registration fees cover breakfast on the first day (Wednesday), 3 full lunches for the duration of the convention (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), the opening reception party on Wednesday night. All seminars, workshops and exhibitions, all seminar beverages, convention printed materials, the Souvenir, delegate gift packs. Your fees also include entrance to the Goan Idol (Thursday evening), and Viva Goa (Saturday). Your fees **do not cover** the SuperHit Tiatro (Friday night), the Grand Convention Ball (Saturday night), any day trips, any ticketed items contracted to third-parties, e.g. hotel accomodation & outside transportation