**Soccer City stadium**

**Stadium owner:** City of Johanessburg  
**Host City:** City of Johannesburg  
**Total seat capacity:** 91,500 seats  
**Contractor:** Grinaker-LTA/Interbeton joint venture  
**Architect:** Boogertman Urban Edge  
**Tournament:** 2010 FIFA World Cup™

Over 90,000 fans will fill up this World Cup centrepiece to watch some of the most important matches in the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. Hosting both the opening match and the final, Soccer City stadium will soon become one of the world's most photographed structures and a world renowned symbol of South Africa's emergence onto the world stage.

**Facts and figures:**

- By the end of the construction period there would have been:
  - 80,000 cubic meters of concrete used
  - 8000 tonnes of structural steel
  - 9000 tonnes of reinforcing steel
  - 120,000 cubic meters of soil removed

The original stadium built in 1987 with major renovations now being done. The only remaining section of the stadium is the West stand. The stadium resembles a Calabash which is an African cooking pot. It was decided that this would be the most recognisable image to represent the continent. The façade of the stadium (outer edge) is made up of fibre reinforced panels with a selection of 8 different colours. The façade has 10 vertical slots which are geographically aligned with the nine other 2010 FIFA World Cup™ stadiums as well as the Berlin stadium which hosted the final of the previous FIFA World Cup™. This represents the road to the final.

**News roundup: Date:**

- Progress on the project is on schedule with work achieved to date being 90%. Various aspects of the construction are at different stages:
  - The demolitions, earthworks, and piling have been completed. The roof cladding has been completed, with final touches being done to complete the roof.
  - The structural concrete and precast concrete are at 100%.
• The brickwork is 95% complete, while the internal finishes are at 70%.

• The external earthworks that will complete the façade of the stadium are at 35%.

• The ground is being prepared for the planting of the grass for the pitch.

Green Point stadium

Stadium owner: City of Cape Town  
Host City: Cape Town  
Total seat capacity: 70,000 seats  
Contractor: Murray and Roberts / WBHO joint venture  
Architect: GMP Architects  
Tournament: 2010 FIFA World Cup™

Situated between the world famous Table Mountain, which dominates Cape Town’s skyline and the blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Green Point stadium is a post card opportunity waiting to happen. With construction progressing well it will not be long before a new icon of Cape Town is born to sit alongside the city’s already-famous landmarks.

News Roundup:

• The stadium and the roof are over 80% complete.

• Completion on the roof structure is expected by September. A large part of the structure including the trusses has been completed and glass panes are being installed.

• The pitch is being grown offsite in Stellenbosch and once major construction has been completed and the site has been cleared it will be planted at the stadium. This is expected to happen in October.

• The stadium itself is situated in the corner of the Greenpoint Common which is an 85ha open space. An urban sport and recreation precinct which will include an urban park as well as a green area, practice and playing fields for seven different sporting codes as well as clubhouse facilities is being developed. The first phase of this project is expected to be completed by March 2010 at a cost of R311 million.

• The stadium will have 55,000 permanent seats but will be converted to a 68,000 seater for the World Cup.
• At the peak of construction 2500 were on site. That has been scaled down to 2000 people currently.

**Durban stadium**

**Stadium owner:** Ethekwini Municipality  
**Host City:** Durban  
**Total seat capacity:** 70,000 seats  
**Contractor:** Group 5 / WBHO / Pandev joint venture  
**Architect:** iBhola Lethu  
**Tournament:** 2010 FIFA World Cup™

Anyone who has been to Durban in the last few months will be able to tell you about the breathtaking arch that now dominates Durban’s skyline. Sending a strong message to the city that 2010 is on its way, Durban stadium is progressing well and is preparing itself for some big games during the tournament, including a semi-final.

**News roundup:**

• The stadium is over 85% complete.

• Most of the major work on the stadium bowl is completed and the focus on this project has now shifted to finishes and fit-out and external work.

• The roof’s compression ring is complete. The arch erection was completed in January and the cable net installation and the lifting were complete in April. The cable car installation was completed in July. The installation of the catwalk, of the membrane and the arch cladding are still continuing. The commissioning of the cable car will be complete in October.

• Overall, the seating is at 68% Complete.

• Pitch: Work is at 60% and will be completed towards the end of August.

• To date, an approximate total of 235,138 tons of concrete and 9,920 tons of reinforcement steel have been used on the project.
• 2,929 people employed on the stadium site - 165 are female and 1885 are under 35.

• As part of the stadium precinct project the upgrade, realignment and extension of Isaiah Ntshangase (ex Walter Gilbert) Road as well as the development of Imbizo Place and is expected to be completed by September.

• The People’s Park is a new green space adjacent to the Moses Mabhida Stadium. It will provide pedestrian linkage to the south of the stadium, to facilitate connectivity toward the city centre. On major match days, it will be used as a space to accommodate parking and braaing after matches. The park includes two training fields with changerooms and ablutions.

• The current underpass leading from the Stadium to the beach is being upgraded in order to improve pedestrian linkage to the beach. This project is planned to be completed in February 2010.

Peter Mokaba stadium

Stadium owner: Polokwane Municipality  
Host City: Polokwane  
Total seat capacity: 45,000  
Contractor: WBHO / Paul joint venture  
Architect: Prism Architects  
Tournament: 2010 FIFA World Cup™

As the Peter Mokaba stadium in Polokwane takes shape, the residents of the city are getting more and more excited about the upcoming 2010 FIFA World Cup. In a province with so many football fans and players, the stadium will certainly not go to waste once the tournament is over.

News roundup

• The stadium is between 80% and 85% complete. The concrete structure has been completed and the contractors are in the process of laying the pitch and installing the seating.

• To date approximately 1000 seats have been installed.

• The city is expecting delivery of a further 12 000 seats in the week of August 10 and then 4000 seats a week after that. All 48 000 seats should be installed within the next two months.
The stadium lighting has been installed and the finishing touches are being put on the roofing structure.

The planning for the precinct area has been finalised and is awaiting council approval. Once approval has been gained contractors are expected to begin construction in September and October.

Mbombela stadium

**Stadium owner:** Mbombela Municipality  
**Host City:** Nelspruit  
**Total seat capacity:** 46,000 seats  
**Contractor:** Basil read / Bouygues joint venture  
**Architect:** RL Architects  
**Tournament:** 2010 FIFA World Cup™

With giraffe-like structures reaching up to the sky supporting the roof of Mbombela stadium and construction now back on track after damage caused by a freak storm at the beginning of the year, the city of Nelspruit is gearing up for 2010. With little by the way of world class stadiums in the area, Mbombela stadium will be a great addition to the city once complete.

**News roundup:**

- Construction on the Mbombela Stadium is now 92% complete.
- The roof structure sheeting is over 90% complete while the bowl structure, seating beams, all precast work has been completed.
- Generators have been commissioned and both video screens have been installed at the stadium.
- Work on the pitch, irrigation system, external paving, turnstiles and turnstile fencing, flood lighting, sound system, painting and floor finishes, spectator ramps, external cores, pedestrian and main boulevards, plastic seating is in progress and in various stages of completion.
- Two practice fields and a hockey field are nearly complete.
- This stadium precinct is a greenfields project within a rural setting but still close to town centre. The area has been identified as a
future sporting hub for Nelspruit. The stadium team is not directly responsible for all of the precinct developments. The following are 2010 related projects within the precinct:

- Mataffin precinct road access system. This is the new ring road around the stadium
- Bulk outfall sewer
- Bulk water supply including 3 Ml reservoir
- Taxi and transportation rank

**Nelson Mandela Bay stadium**

**Stadium owner:** Nelson Mandela Bay Metro  
**Host City:** Nelson Mandela Bay/Port Elizabeth  
**Total seat capacity:** 45,931 seats  
**Contractor:** Grinaker-LTA / Interbeton / Ibhayi joint venture  
**Architect:** Architectural Design Associates / Dominic Bonnesse Architects  
**Tournament:** 2010 FIFA World Cup™

On 7 June Nelson Mandela Bay stadium became the first 2010 FIFA World Cup stadium to be officially opened – a full year ahead of the tournament. The opening was celebrated with over 17 000 residents of the city. The stadium is ready to host high profile events, the first being a game between the British & Irish Lions rugby team and a local Southern Kings Invitational side on 16 June 2009 and the next a match between perennial rivals Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates scheduled for July 2009.

**News Roundup:**

- While the stadium is complete the contractor is currently addressing some minor issues which have been identified and added to a snag list.

- The external works in the immediate surrounds of the stadium is between 60% and 70% complete. This includes brick paving, grassing of certain areas and the planting of vegetation.

- The precinct area around the stadium is also being developed. This involves preparations for the public transport system (BRT)
as well as the revamping of roads in the area. This revamp includes the widening of the roads to accommodate increases traffic as well as the improvement of the verges.

- The Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium is adjacent to the North End Lake and as part of the development the water quality in the lake is set to be improved.

- The stadium will also feature a figure eight running and cycling track which will circle the stadium and the lake.

- The Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium has already hosted four major events including a British and Lions rugby match and the Eastern Cape Premier’s Cup, and a Vodacom Cup match featuring Pirates and English Club Manchester City.

Ellis Park stadium

**Stadium owner:** City of Johannesburg  
**Host City:** City of Johannesburg  
**Total seat capacity:** 62,500  
**Contractor:** Rainbow construction  
**Architect:** DBN Architects  
**Tournament:** 2010 FIFA World Cup™, FIFA Confederations Cup 2009

Renovation work on the stadium started in July 2007 to provide a minor upgrade to the Johannesburg stadium which has hosted many top class sport matches. In 1995, Ellis Park was the scene of South Africa’s historic win over New Zealand in the IRB Rugby World Cup final.

**Stadium facts and figures**

- 18 month construction period in total
- 61,519 seating capacity
- 328 hospitality suites
- 947 parking bays
- 172 tonnes of steel used in total
- 2425 tonnes of concrete used
- 380 workers on site
Loftus Versfeld stadium

Stadium owner: Blue Bulls Rugby Union  
Host City: Tshwane/Pretoria  
Total seat capacity: 50,000  
Contractor: No main contractor  
Architect: Ingplan Africa  
Tournament: 2010 FIFA World Cup™, FIFA Confederations Cup 2009

The renovations to Loftus Versfeld stadium, situated in the capital city of Tshwane/Pretoria started in September 2007. The majority of the work on the stadium was to the Western stand which received an upgrade and an increase in seating capacity, bringing the total number of spectators to 50,000. Home to the successful rugby team the Blue Bulls as well as to many top flight Premier Soccer League clashes, it is unlikely that Loftus Versfeld will be left gather dust once the FIFA Confederations Cup and 2010 FIFA World Cup™ are over.

Royal Bafokeng stadium

Stadium owner: Royal Bafokeng Administration  
Host City: Rustenburg  
Total seat capacity: 45,000  
Contractor: No main contractor  
Architect: BSP Architects  
Tournament: 2010 FIFA World Cup™, FIFA Confederations Cup 2009

Owned by the platinum rich Royal Bafokeng community in the North West Province, the Royal Bafokeng stadium is the only privately owned stadium to be used during both the FIFA Confederations Cup and the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. The Royal Bafokeng stadium received an upgrade to its Western stand, with two new levels being added and this has brought the total seating capacity up to 45,000.

Free State stadium

Stadium owner: Mangaung Municipality  
Host City: Mangaung/Bloemfontein  
Total seat capacity: 45,000  
Contractor: Ruwacon / Meyker ReTeng Construction / Ikaneng Developments / Promania 128 joint venture  
Architect: ACG Architects  
Tournament: 2010 FIFA World Cup™, FIFA Confederations Cup 2009
Home to the Free State Cheetahs Rugby team and the Bloemfontein Celtic football team, Free State stadium is no stranger to large numbers of passionate supporters every weekend. To accommodate the expected fans for the FIFA Confederations Cup and the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ minor improvements were made to the stadium with construction starting in September 2007.