



88th IMESA CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

29-31 October 2025 | East London ICC | East London

FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 28 October 2025	
11h00 – 18h00	IMESA Golf Day
11h00 – 21h00	Conference ONSITE REGISTRATION <i>sponsored by uMngeni-uThukela Water</i>
17h30 for 18h00	OPENING FUNCTION & EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Wednesday, 29 October 2025	
07h00 – 08h00	Onsite Registration Open <i>sponsored by uMngeni-uThukela Water</i>
08h10	MC opens the 1 st day of Conference
SESSION 1	
08h20	Opening by IMESA President: Geoff Tooley
08h30	ADDRESS by SALGA Representative
08h40 - 09h40	KEYNOTE SPEAKER : Lizelle Maurice (Border-Kei Chamber of Business - Executive Director) <i>sponsored by Mezzanine</i>
09h40	ADDRESS BY DIAMOND SPONSOR : Shawn Gama (CEO of Zimile)
09h55	IMESA YP2
10h05	<i>Promotion of 2026 IMESA Conference</i>
10h10	REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL
SESSION 2	
10h50	MC welcomes delegates to Session 2
11h00 - 11h30	PAPER 1 - David Still <i>Lessons from a review of rural water and sanitation services in South Africa: 2003-2022</i>
11h30 - 12h00	PAPER 2 - Prof JA du Plessis <i>A case study analysis on municipal water pipe failures</i>
12h00 - 12h30	PAPER 3 - Dr Kevin Wall <i>How sound are the municipal foundations laid in 1998, and why is this important to local service delivery?</i>
12h30	Questions from the floor
12h40	LUNCH SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL
SESSION 3 <i>sponsored by KMSD Engineering Consultants</i>	
13h40	MC welcomes delegates to Session 3
13h50 - 14h20	ECSA Presentation
14h50	Questions from the floor
15h00 – 16h00	PANEL DISCUSSION: Quo Vadis? Updating the Local Government White Paper
16h00	REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL
SESSION 4	
16h40	MC welcomes delegates to Session 4
16h50 – 17h20	PAPER 4 – Dr.-Ing. Manuel Krauss & Mkhusele Nongogo <i>Water Reuse and Energy Optimization at the East Bank WWTP in Buffalo City – Insights into the South African-German R&D-Project 'ecReUse'</i>
17h20 – 17h50	PAPER 5 - Giselle Pillay & Thembekile Mdiya <i>Flowing Forward: Sustainable Engineering Solutions Through Strategic MIG-Funded Refurbishments</i>
17h50	Questions from the floor
18h00	Close of Conference Day 1
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Thursday, 30 October 2025	
07h00	Coffee in the Exhibition Hall
08h10	MC opens 2 nd day of Conference
SESSION 5	
08h20 - 08h50	PAPER 6 – Mike Wiese & Karen King <i>Sustainability of Flood Studies: From Inundation Mapping to Holistic Risk Management in Prospecton, Durban</i>
08h50 - 09h20	PAPER 7 – Chris Wilcock <i>Sustainable Engineering Solutions need an effective Public Procurement system - will the new Public Procurement Act have a positive effect on municipal procurement?</i>
09h20 - 09h50	PAPER 8 – Jan Palm & Chris Koch <i>Regionalisation of Waste Disposal: The Weskus District Case Study</i>
09h50 - 10h20	PAPER 9 – Graeme Taylor <i>Access to Clean Water: Lessons from the Hammanskraal Emergency Water Treatment Project</i>
10h20	Questions from the floor
10h30	REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL
SESSION 6	
11h10	MC welcomes delegates to Session 6
11h20 - 11h50	PAPER 10 – Bhavna Soni & Truman Hardon <i>Turn Around strategy of eThekweni Water & Sanitation Unit (as per National requirements) and Implementation Action Plan</i>
11h50 - 12h20	PAPER 11 – Melanie Geyer <i>Transforming Waste: Sustainable Sewage Sludge Management in George Municipality</i>
12h20 - 12h50	PAPER 12 – Phillip Majeke <i>Sustainable engineering sanitation innovations for improving municipal sanitation service delivery</i>
12h50	Questions from the floor
13h00	LUNCH SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL
TECHNICAL TOURS for the afternoon	
13h45	Delegates depart for Technical Tours and return from Technical Tours at 17h00
14h00	WORKSHOP: Understanding Flood Risks (presented at Premier Hotel Regent) <i>IMESA & Water Research Commission (WRC) initiative</i>
14h00	PLENARY TECH TOUR SESSION
18h30 to 23h30	SOCIAL EVENING VENUE : Olivewood Golf Estate THEME : Funky Tekkies DRESS CODE : Casual



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07h00	Coffee in the Exhibition Hall
08h10	MC opens last day of Conference
SESSION 7	
08h20 - 08h50	PAPER 13 - Andria Munien & Noelene Rangasamy <i>Advancing Sustainable Water Management through Smart Metering, AC Pipeline Replacement, and Infrastructure Catalysts in UMDM</i>
08h50 - 09h20	PAPER 14 - Maria Dorothea Giliomee & Ione Loots <i>Improving Culvert Capacity through Inlet Modifications for Sustainable Adaptation to Increasing Flood Risks</i>
09h20 - 09h50	PAPER 15 - Frankie A'Bear <i>Water Monitoring System for Data-Driven Operations in Barrydale</i>
09h50 - 10h20	PAPER 16 - Matt Braune & Munyaradzi Rupende <i>Improved municipal stormwater and flood management in changing climatic conditions</i>
10h20	Questions from the floor
10h30	REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL
SESSION 8	
11h10	MC welcomes delegates to Session 8
11h20 - 11h50	PAPER 17 - Ashiel Rampersad <i>Municipal readiness level for an ageing and deteriorating pavement network for maintenance prioritization</i>
11h50	Questions from the floor
12h00	Presidential Conference Closing Remarks
12h20	CLOSE-OFF FORMALITIES – Best Paper & Best Exhibition Stands
12h40	FINAL Lucky Draw <i>sponsored by Magalies Water</i>
12h45 – 14h00	LUNCH SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL CONFERENCE CLOSE