



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



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#### Friday, 31 October 2025

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