



| Tuesday, 27 October 2026   |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 11h00 – 18h00              | IMESA Golf Day                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11h00 – 21h00              | Conference ONSITE REGISTRATION - <i>Onsite Registration sponsored by uMngeni-uThukela Water</i>                                                                                                  |
| 17h30 for 18h00            | <b>OPENING FUNCTION &amp; INAUGURATION OF NEW PRESIDENT</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday, 28 October 2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 07h00 – 08h00              | Onsite Registration Open- <i>Onsite Registration sponsored by uMngeni-uThukela Water</i>                                                                                                         |
| 08h10                      | MC opens the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Conference - <i>MC sponsored by KABE</i>                                                                                                                     |
| SESSION 1                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 08h20                      | <b>Opening by IMESA President</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 08h30                      | <b>ADDRESS by SALGA Representative</b>                                                                                                                                                           |
| 08h40 - 09h40              | <b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 09h40                      | <b>ADDRESS BY ANCHOR SPONSOR :</b> <i>uMngeni-uThukela Water</i>                                                                                                                                 |
| 09h55                      | <b>IMESA YP2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 10h05                      | <i>Promotion of 2027 IMESA Conference</i>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>10h10</b>               | <b>REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL</b> - <i>Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS</i>                                                                                                  |
| SESSION 2                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10h50                      | MC welcomes delegates to Session 2 - <i>MC sponsored by KABE</i>                                                                                                                                 |
| 11h00 - 11h30              | <b>PAPER 1 : Christa Liebenberg</b><br><i>"Leading calm amidst Chaos: Are you the pressure cooker that is about to explode?"</i>                                                                 |
| 11h30 - 12h00              | <b>PAPER 2 : Shawn Johnson</b><br><i>"Cost-Effective flood forecasting for municipal disaster management systems"</i>                                                                            |
| 12h00 - 12h30              | <b>PAPER 3 : Erika Braune &amp; Mike Wiese</b><br><i>"Rethinking design compliance: Lessons learned to enhance flood resilience and safety"</i>                                                  |
| 12h30                      | Questions from the floor                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>12h40</b>               | <b>LUNCH SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL</b> - <i>Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS</i>                                                                                                         |
| SESSION 3                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13h40                      | MC welcomes delegates to Session 3 - <i>MC sponsored by KABE</i>                                                                                                                                 |
| 13h50 - 14h20              | <b>ECSA Presentation</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 14h50                      | Questions from the floor                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15h00 – 16h00              | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION : "Cities Under Pressure: Rethinking Disaster Response"</b>                                                                                                                  |
| <b>16h00</b>               | <b>REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL</b> - <i>Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS</i>                                                                                                  |
| SESSION 4                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 16h40                      | MC welcomes delegates to Session 4 - <i>MC sponsored by KABE</i>                                                                                                                                 |
| 16h50 – 17h20              | <b>PAPER 4 : Truman Hardon &amp; Roxanne Canny</b><br><i>"From Strategy to Implementation: Enabling measurable performance in the eThekweni Water &amp; Sanitation Turnaround Strategy"</i>      |
| 17h20 – 17h50              | <b>PAPER 5 : James Hough &amp; Theo Kleynhans</b><br><i>"Blueprints Reimagined: An integrated water security strategy for a water-stressed municipality – The Prince Albert Town Case Study"</i> |
| 17h50                      | Questions from the floor                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 18h00                      | Close of Conference Day 1                                                                                                                                                                        |
| EVENING AT LEISURE         |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



# DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## Thursday, 29 October 2026

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| 07h00                                    | Coffee in the Exhibition Hall - Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 08h10                                    | MC opens 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of Conference - MC sponsored by KABE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SESSION 5</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 08h20 - 08h50                            | <b>PAPER 6 : Samista Jugwanth</b><br><i>"Digital enablement for municipal resilience: Moving beyond fragmented initiatives to practical, phased progress"</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 08h50 - 09h20                            | <b>PAPER 7 : Johan Basson</b><br><i>"Engineering Service Response to future densification through backyard dwellers, informal settlements and small-scale rental units"</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 09h20 - 09h50                            | <b>PAPER 8 : Vhuhwavho Pertunia Mudau &amp; Marinus Smit</b><br><i>"Experimental evaluation of fly ash and steel dust for eco-friendly mortars in low-cost housing in South Africa"</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 09h50 - 10h20                            | <b>PAPER 9 : Sihle Ndumiso Ngema</b><br><i>"Recent geometric design research: Extracting actionable practices for municipal road upgrades"</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10h20                                    | Questions from the floor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>10h30</b>                             | <b>REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL</b> - Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>SESSION 6</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11h10                                    | MC welcomes delegates to Session 6 - MC sponsored by KABE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11h20 - 11h50                            | <b>PAPER 10 : Mike Greatwood</b><br><i>"Renavigating the water services amendment Bill: Implications, risks and strategic responses"</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11h50 - 12h20                            | <b>PAPER 11 : Gerhard Vivier &amp; Eyal Hermelin</b><br><i>"The Knowledgeable Client: Organisational professionalisation as a strategic enabler of municipal infrastructure delivery, public safety and technical governance"</i>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12h20 - 12h50                            | <b>PAPER 12 : Chris Wilcock</b><br><i>"The Public Procurement Regulations, 2026 – A judiciously reimagined blueprint for effective procurement or the same old SCM roadblock?"</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12h50                                    | Questions from the floor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>13h00</b>                             | <b>LUNCH SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL</b> - Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>TECHNICAL TOURS for the afternoon</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14h00                                    | Delegates depart for Technical Tours and return from Technical Tours at 17h00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14h30                                    | PLENARY TECH TOUR SESSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>18h30 to 23h30</b>                    | <b>SOCIAL EVENING</b><br><b>VENUE:</b> Durban Undersea Club (DUC)<br><b>THEME:</b> Beach Fest<br><b>DRESS CODE:</b> Beach Chic / Casual<br><br>Set on Durban's beachfront with sweeping views of the Indian Ocean, DUC provides the perfect setting for a relaxed evening of networking. As we'll be right by the sea, we recommend bringing a light jacket or wrap for the cooler evening breeze. |



| Friday, 30 October 2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 07h00                   | Coffee in the Exhibition Hall - Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS                                                                                                                                            |
| 08h10                   | MC opens last day of Conference - MC sponsored by KABE                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>SESSION 7</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 08h20 - 08h50           | <b>PAPER 13 : Rapheal Bamisaye</b><br><i>"A discussion on the application of recycled concrete aggregate in the built environment in South Africa"</i>                                                              |
| 08h50 - 09h20           | <b>PAPER 14 : Anisur Rahman</b><br><i>"Optimized flexible linings for a more sustainable riverbank protection comparing to the traditional riprap"</i>                                                              |
| 09h20 - 09h50           | <b>PAPER 15 : Leonard Balakisten</b><br><i>"Smart Skies, Resilient Water: UAVS in Infrastructure Management - The role of drone technology in advancing water and sanitation management"</i>                        |
| 09h50 - 10h20           | <b>PAPER 16 : Joshua Spooner &amp; Ione Loots</b><br><i>"Rethinking synthetic design storms: Evaluating clipped SCS-SA and Bimodal rainfall events for small urban catchments in eThekweni"</i>                     |
| 10h20                   | Questions from the floor                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>10h30</b>            | <b>REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL</b> - Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SESSION 8</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11h10                   | MC welcomes delegates to Session 8 - MC sponsored by KABE                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11h20 - 11h50           | <b>PAPER 17 : Leon Grobbelaar</b><br><i>"Blueprints Reimagined: Preserving municipal landfill airspace as a strategic infrastructure asset – Why the cheapest tender often creates the most expensive landfill"</i> |
| 11h50                   | Questions from the floor                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12h00                   | <b>Conference Summary : Geoff Tooley</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12h20                   | <b>CLOSE-OFF FORMALITIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12h45                   | <b>Presidential Conference Closing &amp; FINAL LUCKY DRAW</b> – Lucky Draws sponsored by BLOC CONTRACTORS                                                                                                           |
| <b>13h00 – 14h00</b>    | <b>LUNCH SERVED IN EXHIBITION HALL</b> - Exhibition Hall sponsored by LIBER GRIDS<br><b>CONFERENCE CLOSE</b>                                                                                                        |