

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SANITATION, WASTE AND WATER & 5TH BRICS RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Conference Theme: Sanitation, Waste, Water, Governance
and the Green Economy for Sustainable Development

 **Venue:** Vhembe District, Limpopo, South Africa



**16-20
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD (UNTIL 31 AUG 2026)	STANDARD (1 SEPT – 30 SEPT 2026)	LATE / ONSITE (OCT – NOV 2026)
International Presenting Delegates	USD 200	USD 300	USD 400
Local Presenting Delegates (South Africa)	R2,500	R4,000	R5,000
Students & Early- Career Presenting Researchers	R1,000	R2,000	R3,000

CONFERENCE THEMES

Submissions should align with one or more of the following themes:

Theme	Subtopics (include but are not limited to)
Theme 1: Sanitation, Waste, and Water Service Delivery in Underserved Regions	▪ Rural and peri-urban sanitation systems ▪ Waste collection, treatment, and disposal practices ▪ Water supply systems and infrastructure management ▪ Public and environmental health implications ▪ Maintenance, operations, and long-term service sustainability ▪ Case studies from municipalities and service providers
Theme 2: Governance, Policy, and Institutional Systems for Environmental Service Delivery	▪ Policy frameworks and regulatory standards ▪ Municipal capacity and intergovernmental coordination ▪ Financing models and accountability mechanisms ▪ Institutional barriers to effective service delivery ▪ Roles of government departments and agencies ▪ Monitoring, evaluation, and compliance systems
Theme 3: Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange for Sustainable Development	▪ Applied research case studies ▪ Technological and social innovations ▪ Translating research into policy and implementation ▪ Comparative studies across regions and countries ▪ BRICS and international knowledge exchange ▪ Interdisciplinary approaches
Theme 4: Green Economy and Sustainable Entrepreneurship	▪ Circular economy and waste-to-resource enterprises ▪ Sanitation and water-related SMMEs ▪ Youth and women-led environmental enterprises ▪ Private sector participation and green markets ▪ Sustainable livelihoods linked to environmental services ▪ Tourism, heritage, and environmental assets in local economies
Theme 5: Community Behavior, Participation and Public Health	▪ Hygiene awareness and behavioral change ▪ Community engagement in service delivery ▪ Gender, equity, and access considerations ▪ Public education and participation models ▪ Health promotion and disease prevention
Theme 6: Environment, Heritage and Territorial Development	▪ Environmental stewardship and ecosystem protection ▪ Heritage landscapes and sustainability ▪ Eco-tourism and territorial marketing ▪ Local economy and sustainable development ▪ Cultural landscapes and resource management

TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS

The conference welcomes:

Full research papers

- Applied case studies and practice papers
- Policy and governance papers
- Innovation and entrepreneurship case presentations
- Poster presentations (including postgraduate research)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts should:

- Be 250 words
- Clearly state the research/problem context, objective, methodology or approach, key findings, and relevance to the conference theme
- Indicate the preferred theme and presentation format (oral or poster)
- Include author name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and contact details

FULL PAPER GUIDELINES (FOR ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS)

- Length: 6000 – 8000 words
- Structured academic or professional format
- Original, unpublished work
- Harvard referencing style

NB: Selected high-quality papers will be considered for publication in peer-reviewed outlets, including Scopus-indexed and Web of Science-indexed journals, DHET-accredited journals, and an edited book volume of conference chapters, subject to formal peer-review processes and editorial selection criteria.

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT

- Academics and researchers
- Municipal officials and practitioners
- Policy specialists and development agencies
- Entrepreneurs and innovators in environmental services
- Postgraduate students and early-career researchers

Important Dates	
Final Extended Abstract Submission Deadline	20/07/2026
Notification of Acceptance	30/07/2026
Full Paper Submission Deadline	10/15/2026
Conference Dates	16 - 20 November 2026