



SAIMC INTERNATIONAL *INSPIRE CONFERENCE
14/15 OCTOBER 2026
* **I**Nterdisciplinary **S**ummit for **P**rogress, **I**nnovation,
Research and **E**xcellence



*'Next-Gen Innovation: Intelligent solutions for a smart
manufacturing, mining, and industrial future'*

WHY ATTEND?

The upcoming summit offers vendors in the smart mining, manufacturing, and related sectors a prime platform to showcase their solutions and gain industry visibility. It also highlights the growing role of robotics and automation, aligning with leading initiatives such as RobMech and PRASA that are shaping South Africa's advanced manufacturing landscape. This year the proceedings will include multiple streams, including Industry Case-Studies, Thought-Leadership, and Academic Peer-Reviewed Research presentations.

Focused on knowledge sharing, the event aims to strengthen the country's smart mining and manufacturing community. Industry and Academic members will present research, case studies and success stories that inspire discussion, encourage questions, and promote collaboration across traditional operations, robotics, and intelligent systems.

Vendors will have the opportunity to exhibit their products and services and deliver thought-leadership presentations. Sales pitches are not permitted; all presentations must support the development of a cutting-edge smart mining, manufacturing, and robotics ecosystem in South Africa.

Participation provides a valuable chance to build business relationships, engage with industry leaders in manufacturing operations management, and connect with the broader robotics/automation community represented by RobMech and PRASA.

DELEGATE COSTS:

Early Bird to 31 May: R2995 pp; From 01 June 2026: R3995 pp
Accommodation: R1615 pppd single B/B

USEFUL LINKS:

Add to calendar: <https://www.addevent.com/event/06ds1365plyz>

Registration: <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/6AEQvcidi2s>

Venue: <https://guvonhotels.co.za/glenburn-lodge-spa/glenburn-conferencing/>

Submit Abstract: <https://form.jotform.com/250561071859561> (for industry submissions) SAIMC

Submit Paper: <https://q9g5hrkj.forms.app/untitled-form> (for academic submissions) RobMech/PRASA

★ SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Do you have a compelling case study, success story, or industry insight to share?
Submit your presentation proposal for the 2026 SAIMC International INSPIRE Conference
(a joint conference with RobMech and PRASA)

We invite abstracts on topics such as:

- Case studies and success stories (feasibility studies, implementations, ROI, achievements)
- R&D developments and emerging trends in Smart Manufacturing, Mining and Automation
- Operational excellence and innovation in Manufacturing, Mining and Automation

- How global political, trade, and economic shifts are impacting your business and the actions you have taken
- Any topic aligned with the Summit theme

You are welcome to propose your own topic or draw inspiration from our suggested titles, including:

- The Intersection of AI & Human Expertise in Modern Manufacturing
- Manufacturing 4.0 and Sustainable Digital Transformation
- Building Adaptive and Innovative Supply Chains
- The Future of Automation & Robotics
- Data Analytics for Operational Excellence
- Bridging the Digital Divide in the Digital Economy
- Sustainable Mining & Manufacturing in South Africa
- Smart Manufacturing for SMEs
- People-Centred Operations and Skills Development
- Youth, Entrepreneurship, and Technical Skills in Manufacturing

Submission details:

- Deadline for abstracts: **Friday 14 August 2026**
- Abstract length: 100–200 words, including 2–3 key takeaways
- Notification of acceptance: **End of August 2026**
- Final presentation due: **12 September 2026**
- Presentation duration: 15 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A
- Please include a short biography and a high-resolution head-and-shoulders photo (300 dpi)

All submissions will be reviewed by the SAIMC User Advisory Council Executive Committee for relevance and alignment with the Summit theme.

All approved presenters may attend the day of presentation at no charge. If an additional day is attended, there will be a discounted rate available.

★ SPONSOR & EXHIBITOR PACKAGES:

Book & Pay by 31 May 2026 (2025 Rates Apply)

Platinum R65 000 Gold R39 900 Silver R24 900 Bronze R14 900 Ethereum R8 900
Branding Rights – Networking Cocktail: R25 000

From 1 June 2026

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Branding Rights – Networking Cocktail: R28 000 Guest Speaker: R18 000

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*In the event of cancellation, companies/exhibitors must submit the request in writing. A charge of 50% of total fees payable will apply for cancellations prior to **13 September 2026**.*

No refunds will be made after this date. Companies/exhibitors will not be permitted to assign, sublet, or apportion the whole or any part of their package unless prior consent in writing is provided.

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