

# ESGS CONFERENCE 2026

## CLIMATE CHANGE IN MINING

### Risks, Governance, Sustainability, and Environmental Management

DATE: 26-27 AUGUST 2026  
VENUE: GLENBURN LODGE,  
MULDERSDRIFT

Building on the success of the inaugural 2024 event, the second ESGs Conference in 2026 will focus on the overarching theme of Climate Change in Mining. The conference will bring together mining leaders, policymakers, financiers, and sustainability experts to explore how the industry can adapt, innovate, and thrive in the face of climate challenges.

ECSA AND SACNASP VALIDATED CPD ACTIVITY CREDITS = 0.1 PER HOUR ATTENDED

## CONFERENCE THEMES AND TOPICS

### Risk



Mining faces increasing climate transitional and physical risks. This session will outline policy and regulatory guidance, modelling tools, and assessment approaches to identify the most critical risks and inform adaptation strategies.

#### Topics

**Policy & Regulation, Modelling, Transitional Risk, Physical Risk, Building Resilience**

### Governance and Finance



Effective climate governance drives responsible action. Aligning with global agreements, meeting lender requirements, and leveraging sustainable finance are key to managing risks and unlocking opportunities. This session will highlight requirements and opportunities for South African mines and mining houses.

#### Topics

**Paris Agreements & Decarbonisation Targets, Lender Requirements, Finance Derisking, Carbon vs Sustainable Finance, MATA, GISTM**

### Sustainability



For mining to remain sustainable, it must transition to a low-carbon economy and adapt to climate change. This session will explore opportunities from circular economy principles, collective action, innovative technologies, and post-mining transitions.

#### Topics

**Circular Economy, Technology Innovation, Post-Mining Livelihoods & Just Transition, Collective Social Response**

### Adaptability



To minimise impact and adapt to climate change while maintaining compliance and social license to operate, mines must embrace environmental management. This session will unpack approaches to water and biodiversity management, systems thinking, and collaborative action.

#### Topics:

**Water Stewardship, Biodiversity, Waste Management (including GISTM), EMS/Systems Thinking, Regional Collaborative Development**

## WHY ATTEND ESGS 2026?

- Explore how climate change is reshaping mining risks and opportunities.
- Gain insights into governance frameworks and finance mechanisms for climate resilience.
- Discover innovative sustainability practices and technologies for a low-carbon future.
- Learn practical approaches to environmental management for thriving mining regions.

## CALL FOR PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

Prospective authors may choose to submit papers or presentations only. In person presentations will be preferred, although virtual presentations may be streamed live or pre-recorded.

Prospective authors are invited to submit titles and abstracts of their papers and/or presentations in English on the abstract portal.

Authors must note whether they wish to submit a peer reviewed paper or a standalone presentation. Authors must note whether they plan to attend in person or whether they would deliver a live-streamed or recorded virtual presentation.

Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words and should be submitted via the abstract portal:

<https://saimm-abstractportal.co.za/>

**SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT**

The complete Proceedings volume will be made available electronically.

### KEY DATES

- Abstract Submission: 27 April 2026
- Paper Submission: 1 June 2026