

SAIMM Business Breakfast Series

SAIMM Strategy in Action: Building the Minerals Industry Professional Capability Ecosystem

Date: 3 June 2026

Time: 07:30-09:30

Venue: Royal Majestic Hotel, Rosebank

Free attendance

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Overview

Help shape the future of professional capability in the minerals industry.

The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) invites industry leaders, professionals, and academic partners to engage in a collaborative discussion on strengthening the minerals industry's professional capability pipeline.

Recent engagement across industry, academia, and professional bodies—including targeted survey feedback—has reinforced a consistent message: while significant effort is invested in developing talent, the overall professional development ecosystem remains fragmented and insufficiently coordinated to consistently produce industry-ready professionals.

SAIMM is responding by stepping into a stewardship role—convening stakeholders and aligning initiatives into an integrated execution ecosystem that supports professionals across the full lifecycle, from students through to competent, registered industry leaders.

This session will present SAIMM's strategy and demonstrate how its key delivery components—YPC, SAIMM Academy, Technical Programmes, (CPD), MEESA, and (CPSC)—align to form a cohesive, end-to-end capability development system.

Importantly, this is not a one-way communication. Building an effective ecosystem requires active collaboration. The session will provide an opportunity for attendees to engage with the strategy, share perspectives, and contribute insights to further refine and strengthen SAIMM's role in supporting the future capability of the minerals industry.

These sessions will:

- Present the SAIMM strategy and the challenges it addresses
- Demonstrate how the SAIMM ecosystem delivers an integrated capability development system
- Enable industry engagement to refine and strengthen this approach

Programme: SAIMM Business Breakfast

07:30 – 08:00

Arrival and Breakfast

- Informal networking and refreshments

08:00 – 08:10

Welcome & Safety Share

- Opening remarks
- Safety share

08:10 – 08:25

Industry Challenge & SAIMM Strategic Response

- Key industry challenges (including survey insights)
- The professional capability pipeline gap
- SAIMM's role as convenor and steward of the ecosystem

08:25 – 08:45

SAIMM Capability Development Ecosystem

- Overview of the end-to-end professional capability pipeline
- How SAIMM executes its strategy through an integrated ecosystem:
- Publications Committee – Industry and academia participation
- MEESA – Industry-academia alignment
- SAIMM Academy – Capability development
- YPC – Student and young professional pipeline
- CPD – Professional registration and competence
- Technical Programmes – Knowledge dissemination
- CPSC – Industry partnerships
- Branches & Membership – Community and reach

08:45 – 09:30

Industry Engagement and Discussion

A facilitated discussion to gather industry input and refine the SAIMM ecosystem, including:

- Where are the biggest gaps in the current professional pipeline?
- Where should SAIMM focus its efforts?
- What is missing from the current ecosystem?

09:30

Close and Next Steps

- Summary of key insights
- Opportunities for ongoing engagement

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