

TAILINGS 2026 – WHERE TO NOW?

MARCH 2026 CONFERENCE

3-4 MARCH 2026 – CONFERENCE | 5 MARCH 2026 – TECHNICAL VISIT

Indaba Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre, Fourways

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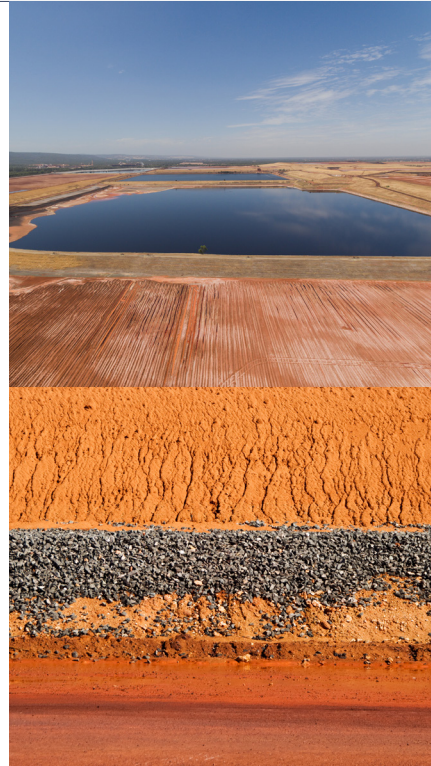


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The SAIMM is proud to announce its upcoming 2026 conference on Tailings. Since the inaugural event, which raised the profile of tailings management and fostered collaboration among industry stakeholders, and the subsequent conference that focused on embracing the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM), the field has seen significant progress. We've deepened our understanding of GISTM requirements, advanced geotechnical knowledge of tailings dams, engaged more stakeholders, and made strides toward improved safety through GISTM compliance.

However, despite these achievements, tailings dam failures persist, signalling that there is still much work to be done and lessons to learn. As we look to the future, the 2026 conference will ask: Where to now? In a world of new standards, evolving expectations, and emerging possibilities, what opportunities lie ahead? What residual risks need addressing? How can we further reduce, reclaim, or reuse tailings? How can we accelerate the adoption of new technologies and set a new benchmark for the industry? What impacts, once considered acceptable, are no longer tolerable, and how can we best manage them?

Join us in 2026 to explore these critical questions and engage in meaningful discussions with key role players in the tailings industry.



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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- New SANS tailings 10286 standard- issue for 2026
- Sustainability and ESG
- Future of Tails
- Closures and Rehabilitation
- Monitoring strategies and AI.
- Real time monitoring
- Risks associated with upstream dams and mitigation
- New Technologies
- Implementation of the GISTM and compliance- where are we now?
- Introduction of the Global Tailings Management Institute
- Deep dive into reasons for tailings dam failures and learnings
- Historic and ownerless tailings (legal perspective)
- Legislation and tailings compliance (Junior Miners)
- Risk management and processes for TSFs
- The role of the regulatory authority - SANS 10286
- Stakeholder engagement and affected communities
- An integrated knowledge base created through case studies and learnings
- Design, construction and operation of TSFs
- Management, governance, and reporting of TSFs
- Emergency response and long-term recovery
- Public disclosure and access to information
- Environmental impacts

- Modelling and simulation
- Dry Stacking - developments
- Research and the possibility of mining with no tailings
- Remining of legacy TSFs
- Networking and advancing Southern African expertise
- Case studies.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Industry professionals
- Academics and researchers
- Environmental Scientists
- Hydrologists
- Mineral Processing Engineers
- Civil Engineers
- Metallurgists
- Mine Management
- Stakeholders
- Community leaders
- State officials
- Union officials
- Consultants
- Technology developers and suppliers.

KEYDATES

Abstract submission – 31 July 2025

Paper submission – 14 October 2025

Call for Papers

Papers or presentations are invited on any topic related to the conference. Prospective authors are invited to submit titles and abstracts of their papers in English. The abstracts should be no longer than 500 words.

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