

SAIMM URANIUM CONFERENCE 2026

19-20 AUGUST 2026

SWAKOPMUND HOTEL AND ENTERTAINMENT
CENTRE, SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA

Langer Heinrich Uranium

Harmony Gold mining company – South Uranium
plant, ion-exchange plant

18 August 2026 – Workshop
19-20 August 2026 – Conference
21 August 2026 – Technical Visit

ECSA and SACNASP Validated CPD Activity Credits = 0.1 per hour attended



INTRODUCTION

One kilogram of uranium can produce as much energy as 160 tons of coal. As the world transitions to sustainable, low-carbon energy solutions, uranium will play an increasingly critical role by enabling the generation of large amounts of electricity with minimal greenhouse gas emissions. Uranium already forms part of a reliable and low-emission energy mix in many countries, contributing significantly to global decarbonisation efforts.

Uranium and nuclear energy has had its fair share of negative publicity, due to associations with nuclear weapons and the risk of wide-scale harm to humans and nature in the event of an accident. Despite these concerns, the benefits of nuclear energy makes uranium a compelling energy source.

Nuclear energy's increasing momentum could be seen at COP28, where the first Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement called for the acceleration of nuclear and other low-emission technologies to help achieve deep decarbonization.

This conference aims to bring together professionals from across the uranium value chain.

Topics will span the entire spectrum, from geology, mining, processing, application as nuclear fuel, application in the medical field, to post-mining closure – offering a holistic view of the uranium sector.

The conference will take place in the town of Swakopmund, Namibia – the heart of Namibia's uranium mining industry. Swakopmund is a scenic coastal town, nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Namib Desert. It has much to offer the tourist, including great local cuisine, desert excursions, ocean activities and serene beach relaxation.

We invite students, lecturers, engineers, operators, economists, research and development professionals and policy makers to join in the conversations. Participants will gain a holistic view of the uranium industry and its multi-faceted role in modern society and the future of mankind.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Papers are invited on the following topics:

- Uranium market trends
- Uranium resources, including exploration and new developments
- Mining
- Mineral and metallurgical processing
- Process control and optimization
- Analysis, including uranium and associated components
- Refining and value-added products
- Fuel cycle
- Recycling and reprocessing
- Nuclear/radioactive waste and site remediation
- Logistics of handling and transporting uranium in its various forms
- Medical applications
- Health and safety
- Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)
- Legislative and policy issues
- Economics

KEY DATES

- **23 March 2026** - Submission of abstracts
- **20 April 2026** - Submission of papers
- **18 August 2026** - Technical workshop: Modelling with Cycad Process
- **19-20 August 2026** - Conference
- **21 August 2026** - Technical visit: Langer Heinrich Uranium

CALL FOR PAPERS

Prospective authors are invited to submit titles and abstracts of their papers in English. The abstracts should be no longer than 500 words.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Acceptance of papers for publication in the SAIMM Journal will be subject to peer review by the Conference Committee and SAIMM Publications Committee pre-conference.

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