

# YPC EVENTS SERIES 2026

## The role of youth and young professionals in Future Proofing African Mining, Today



### BACKGROUND AROUND THE THEME

- Focus on sustainability and innovation
- Inclusivity and job creation
- Aligns to the Mining Indaba theme
- Beyond mining

### THE EVENTS FOR THE MONTH:

**YPC Student Debate presented by the SAIMM Johannesburg Branch: 27 August 2026, DRA Head Office, Sandton, Johannesburg.**

**Topic:** Does mining provide additional value apart from only extracting resources within communities.

**Debate Topics:** Fostering innovation, infrastructure development and economic growth across various sectors.

The Johannesburg Branch in partnership with the Young Professionals Council is proud to present the Student Debate featuring The University of Johannesburg and University of the Witwatersrand.

This event will provide a stage for students from The University of Johannesburg and University of the Witwatersrand, within the minerals discipline to present compelling arguments on industry relevant themes.

**Young Professionals Conference: 29-30 September 2026, Royal Majestic Hotel Rosebank, Johannesburg**

**Topic:** The role of youth and young professionals in Future Proofing African Mining, Today

The conference promises to be an engaging and informative event that will explore the latest trends, ideas, and innovations in the minerals industry. This conference offers young professionals the opportunity to network with peers and industry experts, establish professional relationships, and collaborate on future projects. A conference dedicated to young professionals emphasising the importance of empowering young professionals to lead the way in driving innovation and sustainability in the South African minerals industry.

**Student Colloquium: 28 October 2026, Mintek, Randburg, Johannesburg.**

**Topic:** Adapting the African Mining industry to changing global trends to ensure long term sustainability.

The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy has been organizing and presenting the annual Student Colloquium since 2002, to afford the best final-year mining and metallurgical students an opportunity to present their final year projects to an audience of mining and metallurgical industry experts.

Students are given an opportunity and platform to showcase their best research and innovation that contributes to advancing the mining and minerals industry to greater heights

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