

THE 8th RD20 CONFERENCE

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August 2026

Dear Potential Delegate,

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is proud host the 8th Research and Development 20 (RD20) for Clean Energy Technologies Conference in 2026 in Pretoria, South Africa, from **19 to 23 October 2026** at the **CSIR International Convention Centre**, under the theme ***Accelerating clean energy innovation: From Africa to the world.***

The 8th RD20 Conference will be held as follows:

- **Date:** 19 - 23 October 2026
- **Venue:** CSIR International Convention Centre
- **Address:** Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria, Pretoria

Conference information to note for prospective delegates:

1. Registration

- Registration is free but mandatory to access the venue.
- Registration portal is opened and can be access using this [Link](#) if you have not registered yet.
- Registration will close on 21 September 2026 or earlier if we reach our conference capacity.

2. Delegate sponsorship

We regret to inform the delegates that there is no conference attendance sponsorship available.

Interested parties who are not able to fund their travel are advised to attend the conference virtually.

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3. Online attendance option

For delegates that are unable to attend in-person session due to prior commitments and/or budget constraints can attend the conference virtually. Please register for online attendance using this [Link](#).

4. Language used for conference

Delegates should note that the conference and all its sessions will be conducted in English, regrettably, there will be no translation services.

5. Catering at the venue

- Delegates will be offered arrival refreshment for the duration of the conference.
- Delegates will be served lunch for the duration of the conference.
- Please ensure you provide your dietary requirement when you register for attendance.

6. Accommodation

Delegates are requested to make their own travel arrangements at their own cost and encouraged to find accommodation in Pretoria East as this will be within the vicinity of the conference venue. To aid the accommodation booking, here is a list of recommended hotels closest to the CSIR International Convention Centre in Pretoria.

- [Stay Menlyn](#) | Menlyn: **4-star** hotel, **5.2 km** from the ICC

Reservation contact person: Ms Daphney Kekana

Contact number: +27 12 944 9000

Email address: daphney@thecapital.co.za

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- ii. [The Capital Trilogy Pretoria](#) | Menlyn Maine: **4-star** hotel, **5.5 km** from the ICC

Reservation contact person: Johanna Leshaba

Contact number: +27 (0)12 0233 777

Email address: sales@staymenlyn.co.za

- iii. [City Lodge Hotel Lynnwood](#) | Lynnwood: **3-star** hotel, **2.4 km** from the ICC

Reservation contact person: Bianca

Contact number: +27 12 471 0300

Email address: cllynnwood.resv@citylodgehotels.com

7. Airport to use

Delegates are encouraged to book flights to the [O.R Tambo International Airport](#) as this is the closest airport in Pretoria to the CSIR Convention Centre.

8. Shuttles

- 8.1. Should you need shuttles to travel during the conference, please enquire with the respective hotel for the hotel's shuttle service to and from airport and for traveling to and from the conference venue.
- 8.2. Delegates can also use the [Gautrain](#) train service to travel from the O.R. Tambo to the Hatfield Gautrain Station and from there, request an Uber shuttle services to their hotel.
- 8.3. Alternatively, delegates can use the private shuttle services from Uber to request rides using the Uber App for the duration of the conference from the airport.

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9. Visa Support: Official Invitation Letter

The CSIR Planning Committee will assist international delegates by providing formal invitation letters to support visa applications. If you require an invitation letter, please submit your request by email to Anne Williams at awilliam@csir.co.za.

For more information or clarification, please contact Anne Williams or Lorraine Ngumbela via email at rd20csirconference@csir.co.za.

Sincerely,

The CSIR Conference Team