

THE 8th RD20 CONFERENCE

CSIR, Pretoria, South Africa

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FOR CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

August 2026

Dear Potential Delegate,

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is proud to 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 (ICC)
- **Address:** Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria, Pretoria

Conference information to note for prospective delegates:

1. Registration

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

2. Delegate sponsorship

We regret to inform delegates that no conference attendance sponsorship is available. Interested parties who are unable to fund their travel are advised to attend the conference virtually.

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3. Online attendance option

Delegates who are unable to attend in-person sessions 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 refreshments for the duration of the conference.
- Delegates will be served lunch for the duration of the conference.
- Please ensure that you provide your dietary requirements when registering for attendance.

6. Closing conference dinner

Delegates are kindly advised that a conference closing dinner will be held on 22 October 2026, following the conclusion of the conference. All delegates are encouraged to attend. Please look out for further information and event details regarding the dinner.

7. CSIR facility tours and stakeholder site visits

Please note that the conference programme will include **CSIR facility tours on 22 October 2026** and **stakeholder site visits on 23 October 2026**. Delegates are encouraged to participate in these tours, which will provide valuable insights into the CSIR's facilities and research capabilities, as well as stakeholder initiatives at Eskom and Sasol. Further information on the tours, including registration details and participation requirements, will be shared in due course.

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8. Accommodation

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

- i. [Stay Menlyn](#) | Menlyn: **four-star** hotel, **5.2 km** from the ICC
Reservation contact person: Johanna Leshaba
Contact number: +27 (0)12 0233 777
Email address: sales@staymenlyn.co.za
- ii. [The Capital Trilogy Pretoria](#) | Menlyn Maine: **four-star** hotel, **5.5 km** from the ICC
Reservation contact person: Daphney Kekana
Contact number: +27 (0) 12 944 9000
Email address: daphney@thecapital.co.za
- iii. [City Lodge Hotel Lynnwood](#) | Lynnwood: **three-star** hotel, **2.4 km** from the ICC
Reservation contact person: Bianca
Contact number: +27 12 471 0300
Email address: cllynnwood.resv@citylodgehotels.com

9. Airport to use

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

10. Shuttles

For ease of travel, the CSIR will arrange shuttle services for conference attendees between the designated conference hotels and the CSIR ICC for the duration of the RD20 Conference. Details of

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the participating hotels, collection points and the daily shuttle timetable will be published by 30 September 2026.

- 10.1. Should you require **private shuttles to travel during the conference outside the set timetables**, please enquire with the respective hotel about the hotel's shuttle service to and from the airport, as well as travel to and from the conference venue outside the set shuttle times.
- 10.2. Delegates can also use the [Gautrain](#) train service to travel from O.R. Tambo International Airport to Hatfield Gautrain Station and, from there, request an Uber shuttle service to their hotel.
- 10.3. Alternatively, delegates can use private shuttle services such as Uber to request rides using the Uber application for the duration of the conference and from the airport.

11. 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