

The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) in collaboration with the Canadian Institute for Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), the Namibian Uranium Institute, and the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) is proud to host



**URANIUM 2017 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
*Extraction and Applications of Uranium — Present and Future*

11 September 2017— Technical Visit and Short Courses  
 12–13 September 2017—Conference  
 14 & 15 September 2017— Technical Visit  
 Swakopmund Hotel, Swakopmund, Namibia

**Call for Papers!**

**Abstract Submission Deadline Extended - 31 March 2017**

Namibia is currently ranked the fifth-largest producer of uranium in the world and is set to become the world’s second-largest producer once Swakop Uranium’s Husab Mine is fully operational. This will undoubtedly position Namibia as a major uranium mining hub and will see the industry playing a more significant role in the national and regional economies.

Uranium as a material, and its applications, are often controversial. Yet, nuclear reactors are still being built despite the growth in energy generation through renewable sources and despite highly publicised nuclear accidents. Several countries are pursuing uranium enrichment programmes. Although prices are currently subdued, it is highly likely that there will be continued and sustained demand for uranium for the foreseeable future.

This conference aims to bring together professionals in the uranium industry. A broad range of topics will be discussed, ranging from mining to some of the applications of uranium, and including safety, and post-operations closure and remediation issues. Innovations in the extraction and applications of uranium are constantly being made, and this conference provides a platform for the discussion of advances and for generating new ideas.

It is fitting that the conference takes place in Swakopmund, Namibia. Not only do Namibia and this town have much to offer in scenic beauty, but Swakopmund (apart from being a favourite seaside resort) is also the centre of uranium extraction in the country. Most mines are located in the Namib Desert, within easy driving distance of the conference venue. The oldest uranium mine, Rössing Uranium, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, having commenced operations in 1976. Post-conference visits to local operations are planned.

The Uranium 2017 Conference will bring together internationally and locally recognized experts, operating personnel, engineering providers, policy makers, R&D establishments, academia, as well as students, to explore how future uranium extraction technologies can:

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**Assist in sustainable uranium extraction**

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**Lower energy costs**

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**Minimise the impact on the environment**

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**Play an enhanced role in the medical field**

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