



**70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS**

**6 - 10 July 2026**  
University of the Western Cape



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# SAIP2026 Conference Prospectus

70th Annual Conference of the South African Institute of Physics (SAIP)

6 – 10 July 2026

University of the Western Cape (UWC), South Africa

<https://events2.saip.org.za/event/2/>

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# 1. About SAIP2026

The SAIP Annual Conference is the flagship gathering of the South African physics community, bringing together researchers, educators, students, industry, and public-sector partners to share scientific advances, build collaborations, and strengthen physics capacity in South Africa and the region.

SAIP2026 will be hosted by the University of the Western Cape (UWC) from 6 – 10 July 2026. The conference will feature plenary and parallel sessions, poster presentations and dedicated opportunities for student and early-career researcher development. In addition, SAIP2026 will feature public and school outreach events, a three-day Teachers Workshop, and three parallel winter schools on 6 July 2026 on Solid State Physics and Condensed Matter; Nuclear (and or Particle) Physics, as well as Computing and Astrophysics.

## SAIP2026 Theme:

Physics in the Fourth Industrial Revolution:  
Towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Future

Physics lies at the heart of the technologies driving the Fourth Industrial Revolution and beyond, linking scientific innovation to sustainable development and meaningful social transformation. Through this theme, this year's SAIP conference aims to showcase advances in renewable energy, smart materials, artificial intelligence, and data driven innovation, highlighting how these tools can be harnessed to address real world challenges. With a strong emphasis on empowering communities across Africa, the conference aligns with the **UN's International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development** and reflects UWC's commitment to inclusive, research led solutions for the public good.

## 2. SAIP2026 at a Glance

- **Event:** SAIP2026 (70th Annual SAIP Conference)
- **Dates:** 6 – 10 July 2026
- **Venue:** University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- **Location:** Cape Town, South Africa
- **Timezone:** Africa/Johannesburg
- **Contact:** [saip2026@saip.org.za](mailto:saip2026@saip.org.za)
- **Conference portal (registration/abstracts):** <https://events2.saip.org.za/event/2/>
- **Call for abstracts:** Open (submit via the conference portal)
- **Registration:** Will open early March
- **Expected number of participants:** 350 - 450 delegates (including >150 students), and many teachers, school students and general public



### 3. SAIP2026 Program

The conference programme is set to encompass an array of enriching and engaging activities:

- Science Talks
- Special Sessions
- Public Outreach Events
- Tours to scientific facilities
- Networking and Side Meetings
- SAIP Business Meeting
- A 3-day Teachers' Workshop

Beyond enriching intellectual pursuits, our conference also offers an array of enjoyable social events, cultivating spirit of unity and collaboration among participants:

- Welcome Reception and Opening Ceremony
- Two Networking Poster Sessions
- Gala Diner

### 4. Why Sponsor or Exhibit at SAIP2026

SAIP2026 is a high-value engagement opportunity for organisations that support, employ, or serve the physics and broader STEM community.

Sponsorship and exhibition provide:

- Direct access to a concentrated community of scientists, students, and decision-makers (a gathering more than 350 participants is expected in 2026!)
- Brand visibility before and during the conference (web, signage, programme materials)
- Opportunities to demonstrate instruments and technical solutions
- Support for student prizes and the next generation of scientists.



## 5. Sponsorship and Exhibition Packages

### Sponsorship tiers and amounts:

Platinum  
Sponsor

Gold  
Sponsor

Silver  
Sponsor

Bronze  
Sponsor

### Exhibition and advertising options:

Exhibition  
stand &  
instrument  
demo

Instrument  
display only  
(3 × 3 m<sup>2</sup>)

Promotional  
material in  
conference  
book

A4 advert in  
conference  
book

Student prizes  
(Hons, MSc &  
PhD)

See the Exhibition stand details on Page 7.

## 6. Sponsorship benefits (by package)

See package benefit offerings on Pages 5 and 6.

## 7. How to confirm sponsorship / exhibition

To reserve a package or discuss a tailored sponsorship:

- Email [saip2026@saip.org.za](mailto:saip2026@saip.org.za) to discuss options; instrument demonstration or hosted function sponsorship; branding assets (logos, banners, artwork etc).
- Please complete the form:

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## 8. Key Link

During the SAIP2026 conference, there will also be three winter schools for student delegates, a teachers' workshop, and student and public outreach events. For more information about the SAIP2026 conference and these side events, please visit the official SAIP2026 website for the latest updates, link below.



[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE  
OFFICIAL SAIP2026 WEBSITE](#)

## 9. SAIP2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

Package / Benefit	Platinum Sponsor	Gold Sponsor	Silver Sponsor	Bronze Sponsor	Exhibition Stand + Instrument Demo)	Instrument Display only (3 x 3m <sup>2</sup> )	A4 Advert in Conference Book	Promotional Material in Conference Book	Student Prizes (Hons, MSc & PhD)
Amount (2026)	R200 000	R150 000	R100 000	R50 000	R 20 000	R15 000	R10 000	R5 000	R variable
Naming rights	Naming rights to a major conference event (e.g. gala dinner or welcome function)	Naming rights to a plenary session or themed track	Naming rights to a parallel session	–	–	–	–	–	Naming rights for student prize categories (Hons, MSc, PhD)
Number of pull-up banners in plenary / registration areas	Up to 4 banners in high-visibility areas	Up to 3 banners in high-visibility areas	Up to 2 banners in high-traffic areas	1 banner in designated area	1 banner at exhibition stand	1 banner at exhibition stand	–	–	–
Exhibition stand (3x3 m <sup>2</sup> ) in exhibition area	1 premium stand included	1 standard stand included	1 standard stand included	–	1 stand included	1 stand included	–	–	–
Complimentary full conference registrations	4 delegates	3 delegates	2 delegates	1 delegate	1 delegate	1 delegate	–	–	–
Complimentary banquet tickets for guests (in addition to delegates)	4 guests	3 guests	2 guests	1 guest	–	–	–	–	–

Sponsorship opportunities continued on next page...

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<b>Logo on conference website (with hyperlink)</b>	Prominent placement (top tier)	Featured placement	Standard placement	Listed as Bronze sponsor	Listed as exhibitor	Listed as exhibitor	Listed as advertiser	Listed as contributor	Listed as student prize sponsor
<b>Logo on printed and digital conference materials (programme, signage, slides)</b>	Large logo on front or sponsorship page; rotating logo on holding slides	Medium logo on sponsorship page and holding slides	Small logo on sponsorship page and holding slides	Logo on sponsorship page	Logo on exhibitor list	Logo on exhibitor list	Logo next to advert	Logo on contributors page	Logo next to prize section
<b>Promotional material in conference pack / registration area</b>	1 branded item + 1 brochure/flyer in delegate packs	1 brochure/flyer in delegate packs	1 brochure/flyer at registration desk	1 brochure/flyer at information table	1 brochure/flyer at stand	1 brochure/flyer at stand	–	1 brochure/flyer in delegate packs	–
<b>Advert in book of abstracts / programme</b>	Full-page colour advert; priority placement	Full-page colour advert (inside)	Half-page advert	–	–	–	Full-page advert on inside pages	–	–
<b>Acknowledgement at opening and closing sessions</b>	Verbal thanks and opportunity for brief (2–3 min) address at opening or banquet	Verbal thanks at opening and closing	Verbal thanks at opening	Verbal thanks at closing	Acknowledged as exhibitor	Acknowledged as advertiser/exhibitor	Acknowledged as advertiser	Acknowledged as contributor	Acknowledged as student prize sponsor
<b>Additional visibility</b>	Option to host a sponsored lunch / workshop (by arrangement); Instrument demonstration	Option to co-host a coffee break (by arrangement)	–	–	Demo Instrument at exhibition stand	–	–	–	–

## 5. Exhibition Stand & Instrument Demo



### **3m x 2m Shell Scheme**

(Also available in corner stand version)

#### **Includes:**

- Shell Scheme Walling with Fascia
- Company Name (2 Per Corner Stand)
- Carpet Tiles
- Plug Point
- 2 X E10 - Spotlights 150watt
- basic desk table
- 2 chairs

## 5. Questions?

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