

## Water and Sanitation in the News

### **Conference addressing water challenges to take place in Durban**

With parts of the province of KwaZulu-Natal currently experiencing the crippling effects of severe drought, it is fitting that the city of Durban plays host to the Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA's) 2016 Conference and Exhibition, this May.

The five-day-long conference runs from 15-19 May 2016 at the Durban International Convention Centre. It will feature more than 100 expert speakers dissecting issues crucial to the effective management of our water resources.

For the 2016 edition, the prestigious biennial event adopts a pertinent theme, one in line with the challenges currently facing the country: "Water – The Ultimate Constraint".



WISA CEO, Dr Lester Goldman, said as planning for a WISA conference is known to begin two years in advance, the theme of this year's event carries added import.

"It is significant given the current situation in which we find ourselves. The chosen topic carries more relevance this year, than we originally anticipated. It is our hope that through open dialogue and debate, this conference will aid in addressing the water shortage issues we face as a nation."

Established in the 1950's, the WISA conference has grown to become the largest of its kind in Southern Africa, detailing issues inherently faced by the area's population. The event attracts around 2,000 delegates, from the water sector of Southern Africa, as well as international delegates from countries such as the Netherlands, Danish, Germany, China and Australia, including engineers, municipalities, water industry stakeholders and the like. This year, organisers expect this number to grow exponentially, as the need for water solutions grows.

The keynote address will be delivered by Neil McCleod, Head: Water and Sanitation at eThekweni Water and Sanitation. The main subject matter will be ably supported by 16 sub-themes.

These are:

- Community water supply and sanitation,
- Potable water,
- Industrial water and effluent,
- Fracking,
- Environmental aspects,
- Health-related aspects,
- Information technology,
- Legislation,
- Management and institutional affairs,
- Membrane processes,
- Modelling,
- Mine water,
- Plant operation,
- Potable water,
- Waste water,
- Development planning, and
- Ground wear remediation.

For further information and to access the draft programme, please visit [www.wisa2016.org.za](http://www.wisa2016.org.za)

WAMTechnology will be attending and exhibiting at the WISA 2016 Conference. Please come and **visit us at Stand 97** at any time throughout the gathering. We are looking forward to meeting new friends and partners in the water business and sharing our ideas and technologies.

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