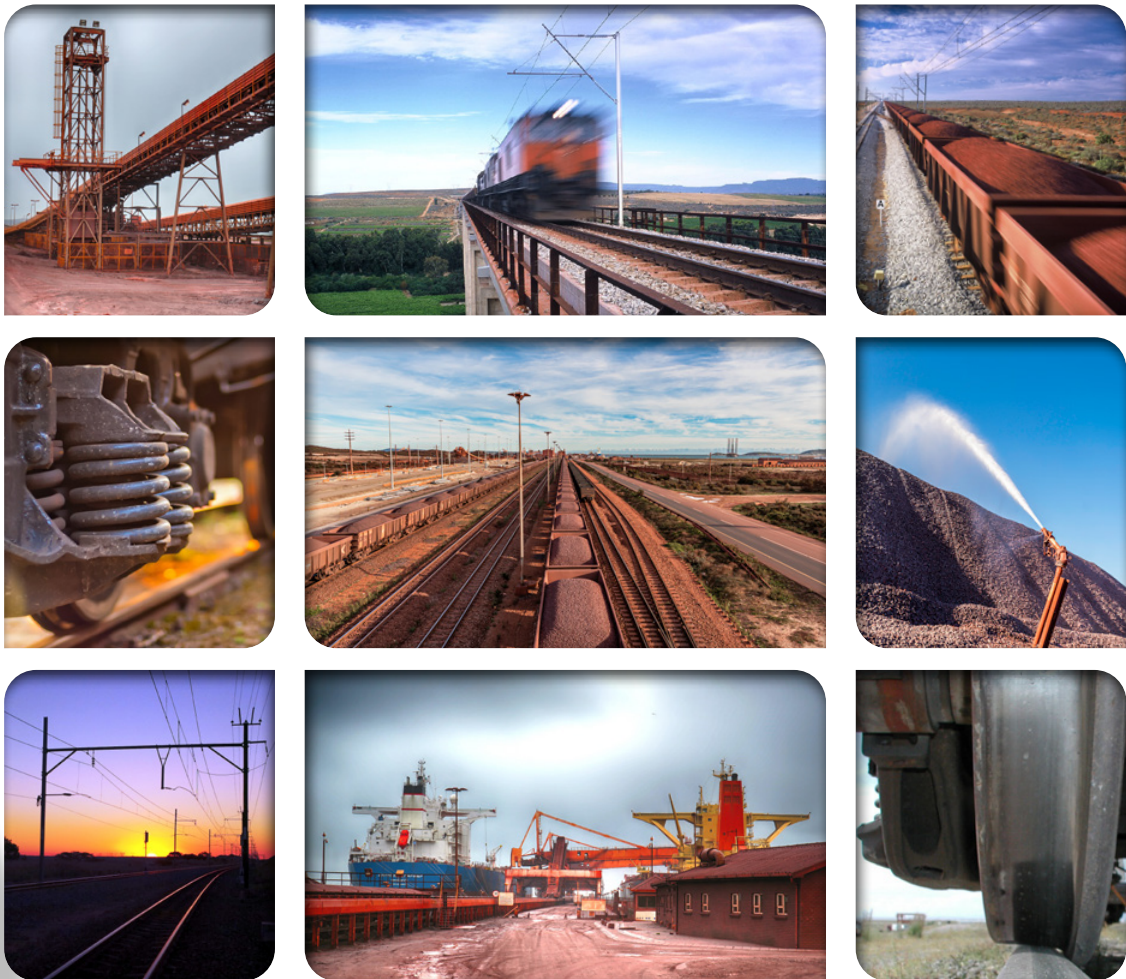




PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



South African Heavy Haul Association Conference 2026

17-19 November 2026

Emperors Palace Conference Centre, Johannesburg

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Dear Heavy Haulers,

You are hereby invited to participate as a delegate, sponsor and exhibitor, at the upcoming SAHHA Conference to be held on 16-19 November 2026, at Emperors Palace Convention Centre, Johannesburg.

The South African Heavy Haul Association (SAHHA) Conference 2026 takes place at a pivotal moment in South Africa's rail recovery and reform journey. Bringing together local and international industry leaders, policymakers, operators, engineers, researchers and investors, the conference will explore how an integrated approach across the pit-to-port value chain can strengthen rail performance, competitiveness and sustainable economic growth.

The Theme of the conference is: Integrated Heavy Haul for Sustainable Growth

The event begins with pre-conference technical workshops on 16 November, followed by three days of conferencing from 17 to 19 November 2026. The workshops will provide an interactive platform for practitioners to tackle shared technical and operational challenges, explore collaborative solutions and develop actionable recommendations for a multi-operator rail environment.

The three-day conference programme connects strategic direction with practical implementation. Plenary presentations and panel discussions will address rail reform, infrastructure investment, policy and regulation, corridor performance, and coordinated train planning. International perspectives will offer insights into global heavy haul experience and its application in South Africa.

Parallel technical sessions will showcase research, operational experience and engineering solutions across infrastructure, rolling stock, electrical systems, network capacity, safety, digital technologies and innovation.

Building on South Africa's 50-year heavy haul legacy, the programme offers opportunities for knowledge sharing, collaboration and professional networking—with a shared focus on translating dialogue into delivery and building a safer, more reliable and resilient freight rail system.

Register now for the conference to secure your seat. Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are still available.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Brian Monakali

Chairman, SAHHA

Pre-Conference Technical Workshop Programme

Workshops Theme: Operationalising Rail Reform in South Africa: Collaborative Technical Solutions for a Multi-Operator Environment

South Africa's rail reforms are opening infrastructure to multiple train operators, increasing private sector participation and creating new demands for coordination, standardisation and accountability. The SAHHA 2026 Technical Workshops will bring together operators, infrastructure managers, regulators and industry stakeholders to explore these challenges and develop practical, collaborative solutions.

The workshops will run in two parallel streams: **Operations and Rolling Stock** and **Infrastructure and Network Management**. Each 90-minute facilitated session will combine expert input with interactive discussion to identify key issues, align responsibilities and prioritise actions. A closing plenary will consolidate the outcomes and agree on the way forward.

Through this approach, SAHHA provides a neutral platform linking policy with implementation. The workshops aim to generate actionable recommendations and a prioritised set of industry issues, captured in a Technical Workshop Report, to support continued collaboration beyond the conference.



Technical Workshop Programme – Monday 16 November 2026

Opening Remarks: *Nkululeko Gobhozi, Workshop Facilitator*

Remarks from the Workshop Sponsor: *Fezile Dantile, Managing Director, Plasser South Africa*

Parallel Stream Workshop Sessions

Time	STREAM A: Operations & Rolling Stock	STREAM B: Infrastructure & Network Management
08:30 – 10:00	Incident Investigation in a Multi-Operator Environment Focus: Accountability, data sharing, and root cause methodologies Format: Case-based facilitated discussion Lead Expert: <i>Dr Willem Sprong</i>	Track Maintenance Planning on Heavy Haul Corridors Focus: Balancing availability, reliability, and maintenance windows Format: Corridor-based planning scenario discussion Lead Expert: <i>Antonio Merheb, MRS Logistics, Brazil</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Tea Break	Tea Break
10h20 – 12h00	Train Design for Heavy Haul Performance Focus: Train length, axle load optimisation, and infrastructure constraints Format: Performance optimisation case study Lead Expert: <i>Justice Ngwenyama</i>	Network Capacity Planning under Open Access Focus: Fair access, scheduling conflicts, and throughput optimisation Format: Scenario-based planning exercise Lead Expert: <i>TBC</i>
12h00 – 13h00	Lunch	Lunch
13h00 – 14h30	Rolling Stock Approval and Homologation Focus: Streamlining approvals in a multi-operator environment Format: Regulatory and technical alignment discussion Lead Expert: <i>Joseph Nethathe Refilwe Selemela</i>	Port, Rail and Mine Integration Focus: End-to-end corridor performance (pit-to-port) Format: Multi-stakeholder coordination case discussion Lead Expert: <i>Abel Mudau</i>
14h30 – 14h50	Tea Break	Tea Break

Technical Workshop Programme – Monday 16 November 2026 (Cont.)

Parallel Stream Workshop Sessions

Time	STREAM A: Operations & Rolling Stock	STREAM B: Infrastructure & Network Management
14h50 - 16h20	Train Compliance Monitoring Focus: Real-time monitoring, enforcement, and accountability Format: Technology-enabled compliance discussion Lead Expert: <i>Justice Ngwenyama</i>	Maintenance Mechanisation for Heavy Haul Networks Focus: Productivity, technology adoption, and maintenance efficiency Format: Best-practice benchmarking discussion Lead Expert: <i>Martin Winkelmayr</i>

Workshop Plenary Session

Time	Session
16:20 – 17:00	Integration and Way Forward • Summary of Stream A Outcomes • Summary of Stream B Outcomes • Cross-cutting Challenges and Opportunities • Interactive Prioritisation of Industry Actions



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CONFERENCE DAY 1 - TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026

Opening Plenary

09h00 - 09h10	Opening Ceremony
09h10 - 09h30	1. Welcome Address: <i>Brian Monakali, Chairman, SAHHA</i>
09h30 - 09h50	2. Keynote Address - <i>Minister Barbara Creecy (To be confirmed)</i>
09h50 - 10h10	3. Transnet Strategic Transition to the Future-State Operating Model - <i>Michelle Phillips, Group Chief Executive Officer, Transnet SOC Ltd</i>
10h10 - 11h15	4. Commemorating 50 Years of Heavy Haul Rail Operations in South Africa - <i>TBC</i> Discussion points: Key historical milestones, Lessons from decades of operational and safety excellence, Enabling growth in mining and general freight, Strengthening South Africa's position as a global leader in heavy haul rail.
11h15 - 11h35	TEA BREAK

Plenary 2

11h35 - 12h05	5. Navigating Mining Growth: Current Challenges and Logistics Opportunities <i>Bongani Motsa, Chief Economist, Minerals Council South Africa</i>
12h05 - 12h20	6. The South African Rail Master Plan: A Strategic Roadmap for Growth - <i>Jan-David de Villiers, Chief Director, Department of Transport (DoT), (TBC)</i>
12h20 - 13h10	7. South African Economic Landscape <i>Khulekani Mathe, Chief Executive Officer, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA)</i>
13h10 - 14h10	LUNCH BREAK

CONFERENCE DAY 1 - TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026 (CONTINUED)

Plenary 3

14h10 - 15h00	8. Panel 1: The Future of Integrated Heavy Haul Rail in Driving Sustainable Economic Growth Discussion points: Supporting national and regional development through rail, Aligning rail infrastructure with industrialisation goals, Defining a long-term vision for freight mobility, Synchronising the end-to-end supply chain. Panelist: <i>Solly Letsoalo, Group Chief Operating Officer, Transnet SOC Ltd,</i> <i>Nosipho Siwisa-Damasane, Chairperson, Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT),</i> <i>Anand Moodliar, Group Chief Executive Officer, Barberry Group,</i>
15h00 - 15h50	9. Panel 2: Infrastructure Investment to Expand Heavy Haul Rail Capacity Discussion points: Joint investment models for infrastructure development, Funding large-scale rail projects, Public-private partnerships, Strengthening oversight and decision-making frameworks Panelists: <i>Rudi Dicks, Head: Project Management Office (PMO) at Presidency,</i> <i>Mike Teke, Group Chief Executive Officer, Seriti Resources,</i> <i>Dr Andrew Shaw, Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, Transnet SOC Ltd,</i> <i>Dr Phindile Masangane, Group Executive: Programmes, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)</i> <i>Zen Dlamini, Managing Executive: Infrastructure, ABSA Bank</i>
15h50 - 16h40	10. Panel 3: Advancing Heavy Haul Rail in a Multi-Operator Framework Discussion points: Balancing capacity between existing and new entrants, Improving logistics system efficiency, Safety assurance in a shared network environment, Terminal, siding, rail network and port interface management. Panelists: <i>Russell Baatjies, Chief Executive Officer, Transnet Freight Rail,</i> <i>Dr Juanita Maree, Chief Executive Officer, South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAF),</i> <i>Moshe Motlohi, Chief Executive Officer, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager,</i> <i>Barry Bezuidenhout, Vice President: Operations, South32 Manganese Operations,</i> <i>James Holley, Chief Executive Officer, Traxion</i>
16h40 - 16h55	11. Technology's Transformative Role in Railway Manufacturing <i>Gcobisa Bokleni-Toyi, Managing Director, Lucchini SA</i>
16h55 - 19h00	WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION

CONFERENCE DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

Plenary 4

08h30 - 08h35	1. Setting the scene
08h35 - 09h35	2. Heavy Haul Rail Performance: Opportunities, Interventions and Future Direction Discussion points: Performance trends, Challenges and opportunities, Medium to long term capacity expansion plans, Network renewal, Support required Presentations: <i>Theo Johnson, General Manager, Coal Business Unit, Transnet Freight Rail, Simangele (Smah) Mpekoa, Acting General Manager, Manganese Business Unit, Transnet Freight Rail, Sibhute Mdala, General Manager, Iron Ore Business Unit, Transnet Freight Rail, Sandile Magenuka, General Manager, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>
09h35 - 09h55	3. Port Performance: Opportunities, Interventions and Future Direction Performance trends, Challenges and opportunities, Medium to long term capacity expansion plans, Smart solutions, Support required <i>Jabu Mdaki, Chief Executive, Transnet Port Terminals (TPT)</i>
09h55 - 10h25	4. Panel of Question and Answers: Panelists: <i>Theo Johnson, General Manager, Coal Business Unit, Transnet Freight Rail, Simangele (Smah) Mpekoa, Acting General Manager, Manganese Business Unit, Transnet Freight Rail, Sibhute Mdala, General Manager, Iron Ore Business Unit, Transnet Freight Rail, Sandile Magenuka, General Manager, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager, Jabu Mdaki, Chief Executive, Transnet Port Terminals (TPT),</i>
10h25 - 10h45	5. Beyond Maintenance: Driving Asset Performance and Reliability at MRS Railway - a Loram Case Study <i>Christopher Lidberg, Director of Product Strategy, Loram, Antonio Merbeb, Rail Specialist, MRS Logistics Railway,</i>
10h45 - 11h05	TEA BREAK

Plenary 5

11h05 - 11h45	4. Coordinated Train Planning and Scheduling Across a Multi-Operator Environment Discussion points: Integrated timetable development and planning horizons, Network capacity allocation, Operational interfaces, Disruption and contingency management, Performance monitoring Panelists: <i>Eric Peete, Head: Service Design and Capacity, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM), Wimpie Pienaar, Head of Integrated Sales and Operational Planning (ISOP) and Logistics at Kumba Iron Ore, Pragasen Pillay, Head of Rail and Ports, Menar, Casper Mbuyazi, General Manager Operations, Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT) Moloko Matjekane, Executive Manager OCC, Transnet Freight Rail (TFR)</i>
11h45 - 12h00	5. Unlocking the Capacity of Rail Discussion points: Progressive Modernisation, Digital productivity and Optimisation, Safety Critical Solutions for Rail Operations <i>Florian Kellenberger, Chief Executive Officer, Siemens Mobility, South Africa,</i>
12h00 - 12h45	6. South Africa's Signalling and Telecommunications Roadmap 2035 <i>Athanacious Makgamatha, Group Capital Delivery & Execution Executive, Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA)</i> <i>Muhumbulo Mmbengwa, Principal Engineer, Radio Access Networks, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM)</i> <i>Sbonelo Gumede, Technical Specialist, Signals Specialist, Railway Safety Regulator (RSR)</i>
12h45 - 13h45	LUNCH BREAK

CONFERENCE DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026 (CONTINUED)

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 – TECHNICAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session D
	Track Infrastructure	Rolling Stock, Vehicle Track Interaction Systems	Electrical Systems	Network Capacity	Innovation
	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room
	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair
13h45 - 14h10	Vision-Based Inspection for Prestressed Concrete Sleepers: Accuracy, Limitations, and Application in South Africa <i>Astrid Lamprecht, Transnet</i>	Rolling stock (Passenger Coach) redesign for use as mobile measurements laboratories for heavy haul locomotives <i>Daniel Kraal, Transnet Engineering</i>	Technical Analysis of Distance Protection Effectiveness within Complex AC Traction Networks <i>Theolen Chetty, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>	Time is Capacity <i>Anneri Robinson, Hatch</i>	Transforming Freight Transport: From Climate Targets to Practical Action <i>Amit Kumar Gupta, Siemens Mobility</i>
14h10 - 14h35	Ore Corridor Formation Compliance: Lessons from Australian Heavy-Haul Practice <i>Stefanus Knoblauch, Bigen Africa</i>	Remaining fatigue life assessment of Transnet Freight Rail heavy-haul wagons using on-track testing <i>Potlako Gasetlolwe, Transnet</i>	Investigating power trips in the Heavy haul railway line <i>Akhona Jaka, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>	Enhancing fault response time and substation performances in heavy haul railway <i>Buyisile Phoswa, Transnet</i>	Integrated wheel rail interaction monitoring & compliance (WRIMC) framework for SA heavy haul applications <i>Tumisang Legodi, TRIM- Transnet Freight Rail PTA</i>
14h35 - 15h00	Optimising longitudinal stress management through 4.0 technologies to improve safety and support sustainable growth. <i>Darshani Govender, Transnet</i>	An opportunity assessment for the use of battery electric locomotives on the Coal Export & Natcor Lines Rick <i>Vandoorne Zutari, EX</i>	Automated Finite Element Analysis and Investigation of High-Power Transfer through the Contact Wire and Pantograph Interface for BEL Applications <i>David Ellis, Zutari</i>	Integrated Shutdown Execution for Network Capacity Management on the Container Corridor <i>Dimakatso Sithole, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>	Reliability-Centred Maintenance of Railway Track for Enhanced Reliability, Safety, and Long-Term Sustainability <i>Hope Mngomezulu, Transnet</i>
15h00 - 15h25	Towards Advanced Rail Inspection: Evaluating Ultrasonic Alternatives to Radiographic Testing for Thermite Weld Integrity <i>Refilwe Ndlela, Transnet</i>	Beyond Siloed Monitoring: Integrated Predictive Analytics for Heavy-Haul Railways <i>Andrew Meyer, ENSCO Rail Australia</i>		Digital Corridor Intelligence for South Africa's Heavy Haul Railways <i>Asger Eriksen, Zetica Ltd</i>	Upgrading rail profiles for the heavy haul axle loads: a life-cycle assessment for the South African coal and ore corridors <i>Siboniso Vilakazi, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>
15h25 - 15h45	TEA BREAK - Centre Court Venue				

CONFERENCE DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026 (CONTINUED)

PARALLEL SESSIONS 2 – TECHNICAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session D
	Track Infrastructure	Safety	Telecommunications, Trains Authorisation Systems & Conditions Assessments	Rail Operations	Innovation
	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room
	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair
15h45 - 16h10	Effect of Rubber-Bitumen Coating on Ballast Degradation Behaviour <i>Fynn Weber, University Of Pretoria</i>	A predictive modelling approach to reduce railway level crossing incidents <i>Katleho Mafokosi, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>	Detection of potential faults in underground low-voltage cables: a review of suitable techniques <i>Gideon Kepadise, TRIM - RNC</i>	A Lean-Based Approach to Enhancing Operational Efficiency in Shunting Yard Operations <i>Nkosinathi Malinga, Transnet Freight Rail</i>	Australian train control strategy for the interstate rail network <i>Tony Crosby, 4tel</i>
16h10 - 16h35	An Investigation Into Thermal Effects on the Concrete Deck and Continuously Welded Rail of a Railway Bridge <i>Kyle Sathiah, University Of Pretoria</i>	Analysis of SMS application challenges to devise solutions and strategies for effective collaboration <i>Kebaabetswe Tlhoale, Railway Safety Regulator</i>	From Signals to Decisions: Smart Monitoring Solutions for Heavy Haul <i>Milad Nematpour, Lucchini RS</i>	Battery-Electric Locomotive (BEL) Bankers: Is it worth it? <i>Hein Van Schalkwyk, Zutari (Pty) Ltd</i>	Integrated mission critical wireless telecommunications system for heavy haul growth <i>Selwyn Jolley, Transnet</i>
16h35 - 17h00	Sustainable Growth Through Integrated Asset Management: Case Study of 1:20 Crossing Joint Failures with Voestalpine <i>Katlego Lekala, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Maintenance</i>	Remote technical audit of wheel impact monitor-weigh-in-motion (WIMWIM) systems across the national rail network <i>Vincent Zitholele, Transnet Freight Rail</i>	Assessment of Ballast Height and Confinement Effects on Lateral Resistance at the Olifants River Railway Bridge <i>Emile Asari, University Of Pretoria</i>	Operational Robustness of Longer Empty Wire Distributed Power Coal Trains <i>Henco Napier, Transnet Freight Rail</i>	IoT over LTE 450 for Intelligent Trackside Condition Assessment in Railways: A Railway Contextual Architecture <i>Nkosinathi Nyawose, Transnet Infrastructure Manager</i>
17h00 - 17h25	Predictive Climate Risk Modelling for the Sishen-Saldanha Ore <i>Line Lourens, De Beer Bigen Group</i>	Improving heavy haul operational efficiency through integrated safety training <i>Yandile Galada, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>	Developing a leapfrogging model for the African signalling systems to leapfrog to the level of the developed countries <i>Peaceman Sopazi, Railway Safety Regulator</i>		Developing a Signaling and Telecommunications Technology Roadmap in South Africa <i>Sibonelo Gumedede, Railway Safety Regulator</i>
19h00 - 22h30	GALA DINNER				

CONFERENCE DAY 3 - THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026

Plenary 6

08h30 - 08h35	Setting the Scene
08h35 - 08h50	1. Digital Transformation: Enhancing Rail Safety and Efficiency Discussion points: Next generation technologies, Advanced safety and smart infrastructure, Operational efficiency and asset optimisation, Transformation enablers, Risk and mitigation <i>Luiz Wormsbecker, Senior Technical Leader, Digital Intelligence Division, Wabtec,</i>
08h40 - 09h10	2. Role of Research and Product Development in the Rail Transformation Journey: Transnet Engineering's Programme <i>Mesham Sivnarain, Chief Engineer: Product System Development,</i>
09h10 - 09h40	3. Insights from Europe's Cross-Border Success for Rail Discussion points: Corridor Governance and institutional coordination, Technical interoperability, Regulatory harmonisation and market access, Capacity planning and infrastructure investment, Intermodal intergration <i>Kristian Schmidt, Ambassador, European Union, European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)</i>
09h40 - 10h10	4. Brazil's Heavy Haul Rail: Development, Performance and Future Trends Discussion Points: Heavy Haul Rail charecteristics, Rail Industry Structure, Development and Strategic context, Performance, Technology and operating practices, Success Factors and Future Trends <i>Antonio Merheb, MRS Logistics, Brazil</i>
10h10 - 10h40	<i>TBC</i>
10h50 - 11h10	TEA BREAK - Centre Court Venue

CONFERENCE DAY 3 - THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026 (CONTINUED)

PARALLEL SESSIONS 3 – TECHNICAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session D
	Track Infrastructure	Bridges & Culverts & Structures	Safety	Artificial Intelligence, Security, Train off-loading Operations & Equipment	Innovation
	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room	Meeting Room
	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair	Session Chair
11h10 - 11h35	Optimising Railway Expenditure Through Multi-Criteria Analysis and Resource-Constrained Maintenance Planning <i>Christian De Charmoy, Bigen Group</i>	Mkhuhlu Tunnel Slab Investigation <i>Griffith Thai, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Management</i>	Integrating Compliance and Risk-Based Approaches in Railway Oversight <i>Eric Nkwini, Railway Safety Regulator</i>	AI-Driven Data-Based Decision Modelling For Weld Process Optimisation In Heavy Haul Wagon Manufacturing <i>Kayla Pretorius, Transnet</i>	Improving innovation awareness on Heavy Haul Railway employees <i>Buyisile Phoswa, Transnet</i>
11h35 - 12h00	Integrating Predictive Analytics in African Railway Infrastructure: A Strategic Model for Forecasting Asset Failures and Business Performance in Transport Enterprises <i>Motlalepule Machitje, TRIM</i>	Machine Learning for Structural Health Monitoring of Heavy Haul Railway Bridges: A State-of-the-Art Review <i>Emilia Joyce Mupwedi, University Of Cape Town</i>	Evaluating the Impact of Maintenance Constraints on Railway Safety Outcomes: Insights from Occurrence Investigation Reports <i>Zinhle Msomi, Railway Safety Regulator</i>	Leveraging IoT-Based Anti-Tampering Technology to Enhance Security of Heavy Haul Railway Infrastructure <i>Willem Sprong, University of Pretoria</i>	Technology Innovation Inspired Shift from Autocratic to Transformational Leadership <i>Fulufhelo Masuta, Transnet</i>
12h00 - 12h25	Constructability of Heavy Haul Railways in Tropical Forests: A Systems-Based Approach to Access, Logistics and Delivery Constraints <i>Jaco Bronkhorst, Zutari</i>	The Reassessment of Storm Return Periods for Heavy Haul Railway Infrastructure in Southern Africa <i>Tshepo Motsie, WSP Group Africa</i>	How risk and safety can be integrated into the innovations as the new products, systems, and processes are introduced into the railway space <i>Sibonelo Gumede, Railway Safety Regulator</i>	Integrated Heavy Haul For Sustainable Growth: Train Loading Operations & Equipment <i>Tonny Mhondiwa, Transnet Port Terminals</i>	Improve Perway Safety, Reliability and Sustainability with Digital Track Tools <i>Ronnie Sefoka, SEMA Digital</i>
12h25 - 12h50	Continuous Welded Rails Inefficiencies: Human Factors <i>Amanda Nkoe, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>	Condition Assessment of Steel Railway Bridges Through Combined Visual and Dynamic/Vibration Based Analysis <i>Karabo Phiri, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>		High-Throughput Bulk Train Load-Out Systems: A Review of Equipment Configuration, Control Philosophy, and Operating Performance <i>Daniel Chelopo, Gibb</i>	Renewable energy integration for heavy haul traction loads <i>Patrick Croucamp, Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager</i>
12h50 - 14h00	LUNCH BREAK - Centre Court Venue				

CONFERENCE DAY 3 - THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026 (CONTINUED)

Plenary 7

14h00 - 14h30

6. Australia's Heavy Haul Rail: Development, Performance and Future Trends, with a focus to Aurizon

William Schuh, Head: Asset Management and Strategy, Aurizon, Australia

14h30 - 15h15

7. Panel 4: Policy, Regulation and Governance for Sustainable Heavy Haul Rail Growth

Discussion points:

Streamlining approvals for rail infrastructure expansion, Current policy and regulatory landscape, Ensuring regulatory alignment across the logistics value chain, Promoting investment

Panelists: *Rirhandzu Mashava, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Transport Economic Regulator (RSR), Denis Owaga, Acting Chief Operations Officer, Railway Safety Regulator (RSR), Eng. Hanya Mbawala, Director of Railway Regulation (LATRA), Tanzania, Mandisa Mondi, General Manager, Mineral Mining and Chrome, Transnet Freight Rail (TFR), Ali Motala, Chief Operations Officer, Barberry Holdings*

15h15 - 15h45

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

15h45 - 18h00

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