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**South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage**

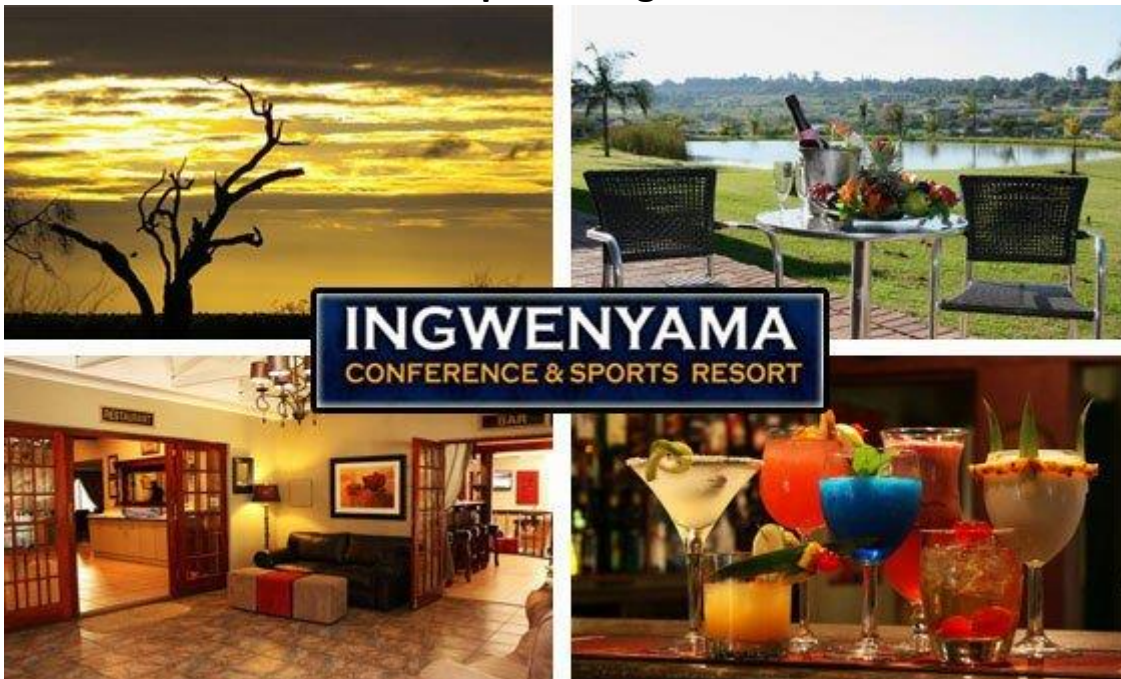
**SYMPOSIUM 2018**

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**“Opportunities to manage climate change”**

**13 -15 November 2018**

**White River, Mpumalanga, South Africa**



## FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SANCID) Symposium 2018 organising committee cordially invites irrigation practitioners, academics, policy makers and enthusiasts to submit a high quality, original abstracts for presentation at the event. All abstracts will undergo a preliminary review process to establish relevance to the conference theme.

## THEME FOR THE SYMPOSIUM - "OPPORTUNITIES TO MANAGE CLIMATE CHANGE"

Climate variability and change pose risks to human health, social, economic, ecological and cultural systems. It also provides opportunities and adaptation actions by individuals to be implemented to reduce the sensitivity of agricultural systems to changes in climate conditions. We must refrain from merely allowing our technical and socio-economic systems to react to climate developments, but rather adapt them to anticipate changeable climate. The role of communities, research, engineering, extension and policymakers in developing and promoting adaptive strategies that are economically justifiable offer opportunities to reduce the vulnerability human and ecological systems to the effect of climate change.

### SUB-THEMES FOR THE SYMPOSIUM:

- *The role of irrigation and drainage in dealing with drought.*
- *Tools and strategies to manage climatic uncertainties.*
- *The role of policies in addressing food security.*
- *Innovation technologies in irrigation.*

This symposium aims to attract a multi-disciplinary group of professionals, business people and academics involved with irrigation and drainage in Southern Africa. Engineering, agricultural science, economics, finance, development and the environment come together to offer new opportunities in the agricultural sector. The organising committee will endeavour to register this event as a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) event with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) and SACNASP.

## CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

Each presenter in the contributed papers category will be allocated a total of 30 minutes. The oral presentations will be allocated a maximum of 25 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of feedback discussion. *By submitting contributed abstracts, the authors understand that, if selected, one or more of the authors will personally present the paper at the symposium and that such authors are liable to pay the full registration fee.*

The deadline for submission of an abstract for the contributed paper category is **end May 2018**. Notice of acceptance/rejection is **end June 2018**.

### Guidelines for abstracts

- Abstracts must relate to the conference theme and sub-themes;
- Abstracts should be submitted electronically to Dr Michael van der Laan at [michael.vanderlaan@up.ac.za](mailto:michael.vanderlaan@up.ac.za).
- Abstracts should not exceed 1 page or 400 words and should be written in English.

- The abstract format should be as follows: - the margins should be 2.54 cm wide and single line spacing. All text should be in Arial 12 point. The title should be in 14-point bold capitals. Leave one line open (12 point). Follow the Title on the next line by author's initials and surnames and on the next line by affiliations (institution and Postal address) and contact details (e-mail address).

## Poster papers

Poster Papers will be displayed at the venue for the duration of the symposium. Authors will be required to present their posters (6 minutes for presentations and 3 minutes for discussion) during one of the tea sessions. *By submitting abstracts for poster papers, the authors understand that, if selected, one or more of the authors will personally present the paper at the conference and that such authors are liable to pay the full registration fee.*

The deadline for submission of an abstract for the poster paper category is **end May 2018**. Notice of acceptance/rejection is **end June 2018**.

## Guidelines for poster papers

- Abstracts for posters should be submitted electronically to Dr Sylvester Mpendeli: [sylvesterm@wrc.org.za](mailto:sylvesterm@wrc.org.za)
- The abstract should not exceed 300 words;
- The abstract format should be as follows: - the margins should be 2.54 cm wide and single line spacing. All text should be in Arial 12 point. The title should be in 14 point bold and capitals. Leave one line open (12 point). Follow the Title on the next line by authors 'initials and surnames and on the next line by affiliations (Institution and Postal address) and contact details (e-mail address).
- The size of the poster should be A1 (60x84cm)

## IMPORTANT DATES

<i>Submission of abstracts</i>	<i>end May 2018</i>	<i>Notice of acceptance</i>	<i>end June 2018</i>
<i>Preliminary program</i>	<i>mid July 2018</i>	<i>Final program</i>	<i>end July 2018</i>
<i>Deadline for registration</i>	<i>31 August 2018</i>		

## ENQUIRIES / INFORMATION

For more information please contact:

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