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- **5<sup>th</sup> EAPASA SADC Regional Conference:** The [Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa \(EAPASA\)](#) Regional Conference is an annual event that brings together environmental professionals from across the Southern African Development Community (SADC). This year, the conference will be held from 21 – 23 October 2026. [Read more.](#)
- **IITPSA SIGCyber experts call for governance-first approach as Shadow AI becomes business reality:** Organisations should move beyond trying to eliminate Shadow Artificial Intelligence (AI) and instead focus on governance, visibility and employee education to reduce cyber risk while enabling responsible AI adoption. This is according to experts from the [Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa Special Interest Group for Cyber Security \(IITPSA SIGCyber\)](#). [Read more.](#)
- **National Water Action Plan must prioritise technical skills, says CESA:** In the wake of the release last month of the National Water Action Plan (NWAP) by President Cyril Ramaphosa, [Consulting Engineers South Africa \(CESA\)](#) has warned that infrastructure investment and institutional reform will only deliver results if South Africa (SA) urgently closes the technical skills gap in its water and wastewater sector. [Read more.](#)
- **SA has the knowledge to tackle its water crisis, but implementation is needed for real impact:** SA's water crisis cannot be solved by multi-billion-rand infrastructure projects alone if municipalities lack the certified, qualified professionals required to run and maintain them. [Water Institute of Southern Africa \(WISA\)](#) CEO Dr Lester Goldman warned at the WISA 2026 Biennial Conference and Exhibition, in Cape Town, that while aging pipes and funding shortfalls dominate headlines, a widespread lack of awareness around mandatory professional standards is quietly sabotaging long-term water security. [Read more.](#)
- **University of Mpumalanga hosts 31st annual AMESA national congress:** More than 1,500 education experts and researchers gathered in Mbombela for the 31st annual national congress of the [Association for Mathematics Education of South Africa \(AMESA\)](#). Hosted at the University of Mpumalanga (UMP) from July 13 to 17, the five-day event brought together leading local and international academics, curriculum specialists, policymakers and representatives of educational organisations to address critical teaching challenges. [Read more.](#)
- **Women engineers driving SA's infrastructure inspire next generation:** As SA marks Women's Month, the [Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa \(IMESA\)](#) is highlighting the achievements of women engineers leading infrastructure projects across the country while encouraging more young women to enter the profession. [Read more.](#)