



SOUTHERN AFRICAN ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION 2026 EASTERN CAPE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

VENUE: Nelson Mandela University, Business School

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: Re-imagining Accounting in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

The Southern African Accounting Association (SAAA) Eastern Cape Regional Conference aims to contribute towards the achievement of the SAAA vision of promoting excellence in Accountancy Higher Education and Research in Southern Africa. By providing a regional research and information sharing platform, academics can play an active and leading role in various Accountancy Professions in the regional context.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES	
Submission of Work-in-progress papers	15 July 2026
Registration	10 August 2026

No late registrations will be accepted.

Attendance at this one-day conference is free for SAAA members. (2025 SAAA members are automatically members in 2026 at no additional cost).

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS AND ABSTRACTS:

Papers are called for in the following areas of Accounting and related disciplines:

- Accounting Education
- Auditing (including Internal Auditing, External Auditing, Corporate Governance, Information Systems, Computer Auditing and Ethics)
- Financial Accounting (including Financial Reporting, Integrated Reporting, and Social and Environmental Accounting)
- Financial Management (including Management Accounting and Finance)
- Public Sector Accounting and Non-Profit Accounting
- Taxation (including Social, Environmental and International Taxation) Only work in progress papers (Extended abstracts) will be accepted for the regional conference.

Note: Full refereed papers will only be accepted as part of the call for papers for the main SAAA conference in 2027 (the call for papers will be sent towards the end of 2026). The aim of the regional conference is to provide a platform for preparing work for the main conference.

Work in progress papers must be electronically submitted before 15 July 2026 via email on easterncapesaaa@gmail.com.

Letters of acceptance or rejection will be sent timeously after receipt of the abstract or paper, but no later than **10 August 2026**.

AUTHOR GUIDELINES

Abstracts that do not comply with the required criteria will not be considered.

Work-in-progress papers (Extended Abstract) submissions can be between one and two pages and should contain:

- Title and indicate the topic area.
- Scope of the work showing the main aim and purpose of the study.
- Previous research and theoretical background.
- Significant data and methodology used or planned to be used for ongoing research.
- Major findings and conclusions, where relevant or expectations for ongoing research.
- Implications of research and future research areas.
- Maximum 3000-word count:

REGISTRATION:

Registrations will close on 10 August 2026

Please register via the MS form: <https://forms.office.com/r/64ngdh1nEU?origin=lprLink>.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME:

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and tea/coffee
09:00 -09:10	Welcome and opening (Chairperson: Anelisa Mgidlana)
09:10 – 09:30	Sponsors
09:30 – 10:30	Parallel session 1
10:30 – 11:00	Refreshments
11:00 – 12:30	Parallel session 2
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Parallel session 3
15:00 – 15:30	Refreshments
15:30 – 15:45	Closure

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For general queries pertaining to the conference feel free to contact Anelisa Mgidlana

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Looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

Regards,
SAAA Easten Cape region organizing committee.

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