



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The South African Federation of Healthcare Engineers (SAFHE) invites you to participate in the **Southern African Healthcare Conference**, taking place from **9–10 June 2026** at the **Cape Town International Convention Centre** in **Cape Town, South Africa**.

SAFHE 2026 will bring together professionals from across the healthcare ecosystem—including engineers, architects, designers, facility managers, policymakers, and clinicians—from both the public and private sectors. It will serve as a platform for sharing knowledge, exchanging ideas, and fostering meaningful collaboration that drives innovation and improves the built environment of healthcare.

Under the theme “**Synergy in Action: Shaping the Future of Healthcare Together,**” and guided by the tagline “**Innovating Healthcare Through Collaboration,**” the conference will explore how collective expertise and shared innovation can transform the delivery, design, and operation of healthcare facilities across the region.

Abstract Submission Details:

- All abstracts will undergo a blind peer review and will be selected based on merit and relevance to the conference theme.
- Selected abstracts will be invited for either:
 - **Oral Presentations** (15–20 minutes followed by Q&A), or
 - **Poster Presentations**, displayed throughout the conference with scheduled author interaction sessions.

We look forward to receiving your submission and to meeting you in Cape Town.

Authors are invited to submit abstracts related to the following **TOPICS**:

- Integrated Design and Collaboration in Healthcare Infrastructure
- Innovating for Resilient and Sustainable Healthcare Facilities
- Engineering Excellence in Healthcare Systems
- Digital Transformation and Smart Healthcare Environments
- Patient-Centred Design
- Operational Efficiency and Asset Management
- Policy, Regulation, and Future Planning
- Safety, Risk, and Resilience in Healthcare Facilities
- Education, Training, and Professional Development
- Showcasing Success: Case Studies and Lessons Learned



IMPORTANT DATES

Early bird registration opens:
21 January 2026

Abstract submission deadline:
23 February 2026

Notification of acceptance:
21 March 2026

Standard registration opens:
15 April 2026

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit an abstract of 250 words by no later than Monday, 23 February 2026.
- All abstracts must be submitted in English.
- All abstracts must be submitted online.
- Provide a descriptive title that is concise and clearly conveys the subject of the abstract. Please use "Title Case", i.e., start each word with a capital letter. Do not use all capital letters or all lowercase.
- The abstract should briefly describe the context and rationale for the study aim, approach/methodology, results, and conclusions. Use a heading for each section.
- Select at least one (maximum of 2) topic(s) that best suit your submission.
- Provide 3-5 keywords that best suit your submission.
- Choose oral or poster presentation. Final discretion remains with the Programme Committee.
- For submissions involving more than one author, the abstract is to be submitted by the first (main/corresponding) author. Authors should decide on order of authorship according to each person's contribution to the work.
- Please keep in mind that final presentations for the conference must be given in person which will require you to be present at the conference.
- Submission of an abstract constitutes the commitment of at least one author to present in person, if accepted.
- There is no limit to the number of submissions.

SUCCESSFUL AUTHORS

Successful authors must register and pay the relevant registration fee by 14 April 2026, or the abstract will be removed from the programme.

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