

PROGRAMME
WASTE ROADMAP VIRTUAL CLOSURE CONFERENCE
3-5 MARCH 2026

Join us online each day from 14:30-16:30 SAST

3 March 2026 – Human centered

Time	Speaker	Waste Roadmap Grant Project
14:30 – 14:33	Prof L Godfrey	Welcome and Introduction (Opening remarks Day 1)
14:33 – 14:53	Prof C Schenck (UWC)	Implementing governance and innovative interventions on village level to address indiscriminate diaper disposal
14:54 – 15:14	Prof M Samson (UJ)	Lessons from waste picker integration initiatives
15:15 – 15:35	Mr A Nahman (CSIR)	Towards understanding the impacts of marine plastic debris on ecosystem services and the economy in South Africa
15:36 – 15:56	Prof C Roos (NWU)	Perspectives on the future of waste management in South African protected areas
15:57 – 16:17	Dr V Russo (CSIR)	Guidelines and Product Category Rules to enable and expedite the application of LCA under the EPR Regulations in South Africa
16:18 – 16:30	All	Answering of questions and closure

4 March 2026 – Organic waste

Time	Speaker	Waste Roadmap Grant Project
14:30 – 14:33	Prof L Godfrey	Welcome and Introduction (Opening remarks Day 2)
14:33 – 14:53	Prof R den Haan (UWC)	Valuable products from organic wastes: Engineering an antimicrobial yeast as industrial platform for non-sterile bioprocesses
14:54 – 15:14	Prof R Pott (SU)	Converting sugarcane waste into mannosylerythritol lipids (MELs)
15:15 – 15:35	Prof A Oyedele (WSU)	Medicinal and economic potentials of citrus waste
15:36 – 15:56	Dr J Andrew (CSIR)	Production of high value dissolving wood pulps from sawdust waste material
15:57 – 16:17	Dr P Welz (CPUT)	Bioplastics from local agri-industrial residues (BLAIR project)
16:18 – 16:30	All	Answering of questions and closure

5 March 2026 – Metals, E-waste and Plastics

Time	Speaker	Waste Roadmap Grant Project
14:30 – 14:33	Prof L Godfrey	Welcome and Introduction (Opening remarks Day 3)
14:33 – 14:53	Prof B Bladergroen (UWC)	Metal recovery from Li-ion battery waste
14:54 – 15:14	Prof K Moodley (UKZN)	Urban mining of Nd, Dy and Sm from rare earth magnets
15:15 – 15:35	Prof J Petersen (UCT)	Co-processing of Printed Circuit Board (PCB) leach solutions with effluent streams from PCB manufacturing
15:36 – 15:56	Ms R Mokoena (CSIR)	Waste plastics in road construction
15:57 – 16:17	Dr S Muniyasamy	End-of-life options of biobased plastic materials
16:18 – 16:30	All	Answering of questions and closure