

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (TO BE CONFIRMED)

Subject to change

Sunrise: 06:37 (Camp Gates Open: 06:00)

Sunset: 17:16 (All Gates Close: 17:30)

Monday (22 June 2026)

16:00-21:00: Informal networking event for those attending the pre-SASEC workshop

Tuesday (23 June 2026): Pre-SASEC Workshop: Technology Commercialisation

Bridging Innovation and Impact: From Research to the Marketplace

07:30-08:30: Registrations

08:30-08:40: Welcoming – Dr Dirk van Vuuren, SASEC Co-Chair, University of Pretoria

08:40-09:00: Welcoming Remarks – Dr Richmore Kaseke, Sanedi

Success stories

09:00-09:30: LEAP-RE – Dr Neville Smith, SANEDI

09:30-10:00: REHS – Prof Cristina Trois, Stellenbosch University

10:00-10:30: EnergyGhentilC Community – Prof Michel De Paepe, Ghent University

10:30-11:00: Tea and Exhibitions

Entrepreneurship

11:00-12:00: Intellectual Property – Ms Jetane Charsley, NIPMO

12:00-12:30: Entrepreneurship Workshop – Dr Dirk van Vuuren, University of Pretoria

12:30-13:15: Lunch

13:15-14:30: Entrepreneurship Strategy – Mr Colin Iles, Trusted Business Voices

Collaboration between industry and research/academia

14:30-15:00: Hub and Spokes Programme – Dr Richmore Kaseke, Sanedi

15:00-15:30: Tea and Exhibitions

15:30-16:30: Panel Discussion: Insights from industry (Chair: Dr Francois Rozon)

17:00-21:00: Networking Events:

- Pre-SASEC Workshop Dinner – Kruger Station Restaurant
- Women in Energy Fireside

Wednesday (24 June 2026): SASEC Day 1

From Research to Impact: Accelerating Sustainable Energy Innovation for Inclusive Growth

07:30-08:30: Registrations

08:30-08:40: Welcoming: Prof Willem le Roux: Chair, University of Pretoria

08:40-09:00: Welcoming Remarks: DSTI Representative (Minister/Deputy Minister/DG/DDG)

09:00-09:45: Address: Ms Samantha Graham-Maré, Deputy Minister of Electricity and Energy

09:45-10:15: Tea break

10:15-11:15: Plenary keynotes:

- Prof Roula Inglesi-Lotz, University of Pretoria
- Prof Sampson Mamphweli, SANEDI

11:15-12:45: Parallel Session 1

- Bioenergy and waste to energy
- Power systems planning and operations
- Solar thermal

12:45-13:30: Lunch

13:30-15:00: Parallel Session 2

- Circularity of Renewable Energy Technology Workshop: Bioenergy and waste to energy, Circularity of renewable energy technologies & Green Hydrogen (Chair: Prof Cristina Trois)
- Solar PV
- Renewable energy resource assessment and deployment

15:00-15:30: Tea break

15:30-17:00: Parallel Session 3

- Circularity of Renewable Energy Technology Workshop: Bioenergy and waste to energy, Circularity of renewable energy technologies & Green Hydrogen (Chair: Prof Cristina Trois)
- Wind energy systems
- Demand side and energy storage applications

17:15-21:00: Welcoming function - Cattle Baron Restaurant

- Guests of honour: DSTI/DEE Minister/Deputy Minister

Thursday (25 June 2026): SASEC Day 2

From Research to Impact: Applied Sustainable Energy

07:30-08:30: Registrations

08:30-10:00: Plenary keynotes:

- Prof Christos Markides, Imperial College London
- Prof Adriano Sciacovelli, Technical University of Denmark

10:00-10:30: Tea break

10:30-12:00: Parallel Session 4:

- Thermal Storage Workshop: Thermal energy and thermal energy storage & Solar Thermal (Chair: Prof Michel de Paepe)
- PV Deployment: Solar PV, Renewable Energy Resource assessment and deployment & Demand side and energy storage applications
- Green Hydrogen

12:00-13:30: Lunch

13:30-15:30: Parallel Session 5:

- Thermal Storage Workshop: Thermal energy and thermal energy storage & Solar Thermal (Chair: Prof Michel de Paepe)
- PV Deployment: Solar PV, Renewable Energy Resource assessment and deployment & Demand side and energy storage applications
- Energy policy

15:30-16:00: Tea break

16:00-16:45: Industry networking session/workshop: *From IP to Impact*

16:45-17:00: Closing session: *Industry feedback and commitment opportunities, Awards (Chair/Co-chair)*

17:00-21:00: Bush dinner

Friday (26 June 2026): SASEC Day 3

06:30-10:30: Technical tour

11:00-13:30: Farewell Brunch - Skukuza Golf Course