



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **WasteCon 2016**

#### **The changing face of waste management**

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**Immediate Release**

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*Waste management in South Africa is changing. With the growing need for organisations to be more sustainable and incorporate responsible waste management practices, the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) will yet again be at the forefront of helping organisations incorporate these practices with their flagship conference, WasteCon. The WasteCon 2016 conference and exhibition will take place from 17 – 21 October 2016 at Emperors Palace in Gauteng.*

This year's conference and exhibition marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> biennial WasteCon event and is the largest of its kind in Africa. "The IWMSA's Central Branch is hosting the conference with the theme 'The Changing Face of Waste Management'," says Prof Suzan Oelofse, President of the IWMSA.

By working towards more sustainable waste management practices, South Africa will see a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, extended lifespan of landfill sites and useful recycling and compost products that ultimately safeguards natural resources.

WasteCon 2016 will be a premier showcase of sustainable waste management solutions with topics such as: alternative waste treatment technologies; community-based waste collection; diversion versus minimisation; integrated waste facilities; the circular economy; and waste-to-energy, to name a few.

"National and international specialists will be present to share best practices and showcase innovation in the industry – making it a must for all individuals and organisations operating in the waste management field," mentions Oelofse.

#### **Submission of Abstracts**

WasteCon 2016 welcomes the submission of abstracts for original contribution to the field. All submissions will go through a peer-review process and those selected will appear in full form in the abstract book, to be given to attendees at the conference. Online submissions are now open and close on Monday, 01 February 2016 (<http://wastecon.co.za/abstracts.html>)

For more information on WasteCon 2016, please visit [www.wastecon.co.za](http://www.wastecon.co.za).

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