

## **Top line-up of local and international speakers secured for the Southern African Transport Conference**

The Southern African Transport Conference (SATC), the continent's premier transportation event, has announced an impressive line-up of international and local transport experts to address delegates this year, from 10 to 13 July at the CSIR International Convention Centre in Pretoria.

A combination of an academic and a practitioner conference, SATC is supported by both the South African Department of Transport (NDOT) and the US-based Transportation Research Board (TRB).

Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, SATC's conference theme is "South African Solutions to Public Transport Challenges." Over 600 delegates are set to attend three days of plenary and breakaway seminars, where peer-reviewed research papers covering infrastructure, urban and rural transport planning, transport regulations, and multimodal networks, will be presented.

On Monday, 10 July 2017 the keynote address will be delivered by Skhumbuzo Macozoma, CEO of The South African National Roads Agency Ltd (SANRAL). During this address Mr Macozoma will unpack the various challenges associated with the improvement, management, and maintenance of the national road network. Also on the agenda are plenary sessions presented by Professor Yongli Xie, Dean of School of Highways, Chang'an University in Xi'an, China, and Mr Nigel Hardy, who is the Performance Manager of Transport for London.

"Transport forms the backbone of Africa's economy as it connects nations and unites countries. Without sustainable solutions to move people and freight, economies stagnate which in turn adversely affects the entire continent. The conference aims to provide valuable insights into transport challenges so that we can begin to proactively address them," says Professor James Maina, Chairman of the SATC organising committee.

The conference has also served as a forum for discussion and information exchange on the implementation of transport policy, strategy and technology applications for all aspects and modes of transportation.

Delegates for the Southern African Transport Conference can register at [www.satc.org.za](http://www.satc.org.za) and are currently eligible for the 'Early Bird Special', which ends Saturday, 10 June 2017. For sponsorship and exhibition opportunities at the event, please visit [www.satc.org.za](http://www.satc.org.za)