

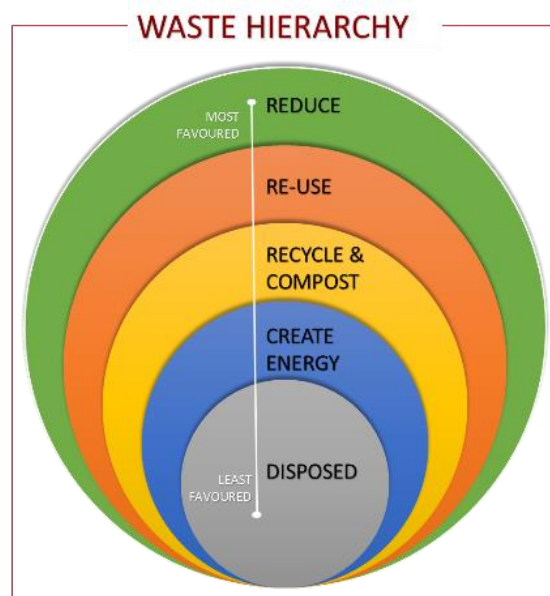


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Call for Papers: WasteCon 2018

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The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) would like to invite all waste management industry bodies to submit their abstracts to gain an opportunity to showcase their innovative products / services. Abstracts should discuss strategies towards implementing the waste management hierarchy.¹ The hierarchy ranks options of waste management in order of preference according to the type of waste, and is the theme for the IWMSA's upcoming flagship conference and exhibition, [WasteCon 2018](#).

“The aim of the waste management hierarchy is to extract the maximum practical benefits from products while generating the minimum amount of waste. The proper application of the waste hierarchy has several benefits: preventing the emission of greenhouse gases, reducing pollutants, saving energy, conserving resources, creating jobs, and stimulating the development of green technology,” says Jan Palm, President of the IWMSA. “WasteCon2018 provides a platform for key

role players in the industry to discuss best practice and innovations for implementing the waste management hierarchy,” adds Palm.

The conference will take place over a period of three days, plenary sessions, presentations and parallel workshops will be conducted by the leaders in the respective fields providing an overview as well as an in-depth description of the developments, research, innovations and technologies.

In support of the National Waste Management Strategy’s objective of reducing waste to landfill, the IWMSA is calling for abstracts to be submitted in line with the theme “Implementing the Waste Hierarchy”. This approach towards waste management emphasises the following key elements and will serve as topics for the conference:

- Waste avoidance and reduction;
- Re-use;
- Recycle;
- Recovery; and
- Treatment and disposal.

Abstracts must be submitted online at <http://www.wastecon.co.za/abstracts.html> by Friday, 02 March 2018. Applicants will be contacted regarding their application by Friday, 04 May 2018.

Should the paper be accepted, all presenters must complete the online delegate registration form (http://www.wastecon.co.za/delegate_registration.html) and the reduced presenter fee paid immediately to secure your paper submission. All delegates presenting papers are required to submit a full paper for inclusion in the Proceedings by Friday, 29 June 2018.

“The highlight of the conference will be a technical tour set to take place on the last day of the conference. The details of this exciting tour will be revealed at a later stage so watch this space and make sure that you book your seat in advance as space is limited,” concludes Palm.

WasteCon2018 will take place from 15 to 19 October 2018 at Emperor’s Palace, Johannesburg, Gauteng.

For more information on the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa visit www.iwmsa.co.za. You can also follow IWMSA on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/iwmsa>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/IWMSA>). For more information on WasteCon 2018 visit www.wastecon.co.za.

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