

SAAFoST's 26th Biennial Congress and Exhibition in August 2025

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The upcoming SAAFoST Biennial Congress 2025, set to take place at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in Pretoria in August 2025, promises to be a landmark event for professionals, researchers and enthusiasts in the field of food science and technology. This congress aims to create an inspiring platform where the latest scientific advancements, innovative practices and industry trends converge, making it an unmissable opportunity for networking and knowledge sharing.



At the heart of the congress is an insightful scientific programme featuring a distinguished line-up of thought-leading speakers. These experts, renowned for their contributions to food science, nutrition and sustainability, will present their latest research, challenges and solutions that shape the future of the food industry. Attendees can look forward to discussions on a range of topics, including food safety, nutrition, product development and emerging technologies, all aimed at addressing current challenges and exploring future opportunities.

In addition to the scientific sessions, the SAAFoST Congress will showcase a wide array of exhibitions featuring cutting-edge product innovations. Exhibitors, including leading companies and organisations in the food sector, will display the latest technologies, products and services that are revolutionising the industry. This is an excellent opportunity for participants to engage with pioneers in the field, discover new tools and gain insights into the latest trends shaping food science and technology.

What makes the SAAFoST Biennial Congress 2025 truly unique is the incorporation of gamification into the exhibition experience. Attendees will have the chance to engage in interactive challenges and activities designed to enhance their learning experience. Through gamified elements, participants can explore the exhibition in a fun and dynamic way, encouraging collaboration and interaction among attendees. This innovative approach not only fosters networking but also stimulates creative thinking, allowing participants to grasp complex concepts in an enjoyable manner.

The congress also highlights the importance of collaboration and inclusivity in the food science community. Special sessions will focus on the role of interdisciplinary approaches in tackling global food challenges and promoting sustainable practices. By bringing together diverse perspectives, the SAAFoST Congress aims to foster meaningful discussions that contribute to the advancement of science and the betterment of society.

In summary, the SAAFoST Biennial Congress 2025 at CSIR Pretoria is set to be an exciting and enriching event, blending insightful science with innovative exhibition experiences. Join us for this remarkable opportunity to learn, collaborate and contribute to the future of food science and technology!