



2025 SAESI CONFERENCE

Itinerary Theme	:	Collaborate. Train. Innovate Uniting Minds and Methods for the Future of Emergency Response.
Duration	:	2 Days (November 27 – 28, 2025)
Daily Schedule	:	08:00–15:00
Breaks	:	Morning tea break (15 min), Lunch break (45 min), Afternoon tea break (15 min)

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With the history of the SAESI conference, training and expo's we thought it was about time to get back into the game.

The aim is that we are living in modern times, and everything changes in a heartbeat, and working together to make a difference.

We are back and it will be our 33rd conference that will be held in November 2025 and run over 2 days.

The aim is for the delegates to leave with a wider understanding of working together and using technology to make a difference.

There will also be an opportunity for visiting the expo and challenges and ample time for networking. You will also be able to earn CPD points.

Day 1: Thursday, November 27, 2025

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:00–08:30	Registration (Name tags, etc)	Conference Chair: Mr. Louis Pretorius
08:30–08:45	Welcome	SAESI President: Theresa Geldenhuys
08:45–09:00	Opening Remarks / Keynote / Official Opening	Minister
09:00–09:30	Official Opening of SAESI 2025 Event	Minister / SAESI President
09:30–10:10	Multi-Agency Response: Improving Fireground Coordination Between Emergency Services	Western Cape: PDMC Mr. Colin Deiner
10:10–10:50	Continuous Professional Development in a Changing Professional Environment	Prof Body: IWH Dr. Alti Kriel
10:50–11:05	Tea Break	-
11:05–11:45	Cross-Border Mutual Aid: Best Practices in Inter- Jurisdictional Firefighting	NDMC: Mr. Roland Hendriks
11:45–12:25	Innovative Approaches to Firefighter PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)	Lymae: Mr. Johan Nel
12:25–13:10	Lunch	-
13:10–13:50	Working with Urban Planners to Design Fire- Resilient Communities	COJ: CODES Ms. Melanie Smith
13:50–14:30	Training for Wildland-Urban Interface Fires: New Challenges, New Approaches	Kishugu: Ms. Leeann Oosthuizen
14:30–14:45	Tea Break	-
14:45–15:25	Engagement in Fire Prevention: Collaborating with Local Stakeholders	FPASA: Mr. Marius Atterbury
15:25–16:05	Developing Leadership Skills in Fire Officers Through Targeted Programs	Chief Ronnie Cloete / Mr. Louis Pretorius
16:05–16:15	Day 1 Closing Remarks	Salga: Ms. Dora Morema

Day 2: Friday, November 28, 2025

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:00–08:10	Welcome	SAESI President
08:10–08:50	Training Volunteer Firefighters: Models for Rural and Remote Areas	Mr. Etienne du Toit: Western Cape PDMC
08:50–09:30	Mental Health and Resilience Training in Fire Services	Dr. Andre Nel
09:30–10:10	Smart Firefighting: Using Drones, Sensors, and AI in Fire Operations	Fire Ops: Mr. De Wet Engelbrecht
10:10–10:25	Tea Break	-
10:25–11:05	Sustainable Firefighting: Eco-Friendly Suppression Methods	FireBlock: Mr. Louis Koekemoer
11:05–11:45	Next-Gen Fire Services: Building a Culture of Collaboration, Training, and Innovation	NDMC: Dr. Bongani Sithole
11:45–12:30	Lunch	-
12:30–13:10	Innovating Firefighter Training Through Collaborative Tech Partnerships	Alpha Tower: Dr. Solomon Smit
13:10–13:50	Citizen Fire Academies: Co-Training Communities to Innovate Prevention Strategies	Cape Winelands: Mr. Heinrich Louw
13:50–14:05	Tea Break	-
14:05–14:45	Data-Driven Innovation in Fire Services Through Collaborative Research	TUT Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Thantsha
14:45–14:55	Conference Closing Remarks	Conference Chair Mr. Louis Pretorius