

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

2026 CONVENTION

7-8 OCTOBER 2026

CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION CENTRE



ACTUARIAL SOCIETY
OF SOUTH AFRICA



HELP US BROADEN BOUNDARIES

We invite submissions of proposals for posters, papers and presentations to be considered for inclusion in the Actuarial Society of South Africa's 2026 Convention on 7 and 8 October.

The Convention will be held in person at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The Convention scientific programme will encompass a range of practice areas, session formats and knowledge levels.

Proposals should be closely aligned to the Convention theme of 'Broadening Boundaries'. Broadening Boundaries is about expanding what it means to be an actuary. It is about engaging with global issues, embracing new tools such as artificial intelligence, and applying actuarial thinking in increasingly wider fields. It challenges us to look beyond our own markets and sectors, and to contribute meaningfully in a world that is increasingly connected and complex.

Consistent with previous years, fostering stimulating discussions remains a central objective of this year's Convention, with preference given to interactive workshops and submissions encouraging debate.



Furthermore, the submission of papers is strongly encouraged and will be prioritised. Paper authors will also have an opportunity to win prizes (subject to conditions). Additionally, there is the new option of submitting a poster presentation (see below) with a prize for the best poster.

SESSION FORMATS

The following session formats are available. Please carefully read the descriptions below when considering which format to choose.

60-MINUTE SESSION

This is a 60-minute session consisting of a maximum 40-minute presentation followed by a minimum 20-minute Q&A.

This format is ideal for in-depth analysis, detailed case studies, or comprehensive explorations of complex topics. Presenters should use this time to thoroughly unpack their subject, presenting data, insights, and practical applications. This format is suitable when audience engagement through questions or discussion is anticipated.

CHOOSE THIS FORMAT IF:

- Your topic requires extensive explanation or technical detail.
- You plan to present in-depth research, case studies, or complex models.
- You aim to facilitate a deeper understanding and invite robust audience interaction.
- You intend to submit a paper to present.

30-MINUTE SESSION

This is a 30-minute session consisting of a maximum 20-minute presentation followed by a minimum 10-minute Q&A.

This format is designed for shorter, highly impactful presentations, similar to TED-style talks. It works well for innovative ideas, emerging concepts, or succinct thought leadership where the focus is on delivering a clear, powerful message within a shorter time frame.

CHOOSE THIS FORMAT IF:

- Your content is sharp, focused, and impactful.
- You can convey your key message concisely and effectively.
- You aim to inspire, provoke thought, or introduce innovative ideas without requiring extended explanation.

WORKSHOP

This is a 60-minute highly interactive session that is deeply technical or interpersonal, designed for smaller audiences and requiring pre-registration.

These sessions emphasize hands-on engagement, with participants actively contributing or practicing skills under the guidance of the facilitator.

PANEL DISCUSSION

This is a 60-minute session involving a discussion among up to 5 panellists, with audience Q&A as an essential component.

It is ideal for exploring multiple perspectives on a single topic, encouraging dynamic dialogue and contrasting viewpoints. Multi-disciplinary panels are strongly encouraged.

DEBATE

This is a 60-minute session featuring opposing or differing viewpoints on a contentious or complex issue. The debate should be a maximum of 40 minutes (20 minutes each side) with a minimum 20-minute audience Q&A.

The format includes brief opening presentations from each side, followed by a structured argument from each side, and a close out. Debaters then respond to audience questions or counter-arguments. Debates are designed to stimulate critical thinking and challenge established perspectives.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

NEW

Poster presentations provide an opportunity to showcase research, case studies, innovative practices, or work-in-progress in a visual and interactive format.

Posters are not intended to promote particular products, services or businesses.

Posters will be displayed during a dedicated poster session, during which presenters are required to be present at their poster to give a brief overview (typically 2–3 minutes) and engage in discussion and questions with attendees. This format encourages direct interaction, detailed feedback, and networking in a more informal setting than traditional presentations.

CHOOSE THIS FORMAT IF:

- Your work can be effectively communicated through visual summaries, key findings, and practical insights.
- You would value one-on-one engagement and in-depth discussion with interested attendees.
- Your topic is applied, exploratory, or suited to focused conversation rather than a formal presentation.

PROCESS OF SELECTING PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

DELIVERABLE	POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS	PRESENTATIONS WITH PAPERS ONLY
Proposals due	17-Apr-26	17-Apr-26
Notification of proposal outcome	15-May-26	15-May-26
Final updates to topics (with approval) and abstracts due (200-400 words)	12-Jun-26	12-Jun-26
Successful presenters to register	19-Jun-26	19-Jun-26
Draft papers due for peer review		24-Jul-26
All posters and presentations due for review	28-Aug-26	28-Aug-26
Final papers due		28-Aug-26
Presentation training and presentation dry runs complete (optional)	18-Sep-26	18-Sep-26
Final posters and presentations due for final review	25-Sep-26	25-Sep-26
2026 Convention	7-8-Oct-26	7-8-Oct-26

PRIZES

Four prizes will be awarded at the 2026 Convention for outstanding papers or posters chosen by the Actuarial Society's Research Committee.



1. PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER



2. PRIZE FOR BEST FIRST-TIME PAPER



3. PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER ON REINSURANCE OR RISK

These prizes include a cash payment, a trophy, and the cost of attendance to an international conference (subject to terms and conditions).

4. BEST POSTER PRIZE comprising a cash award

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

1

ACCOUNT CREATION

Create an account and provide your contact details, photo and speaker biography.

2

TITLE & FORMAT

Provide the title of your proposed poster, paper or presentation and indicate your preferred presentation format.

3

DETAILS

Indicate your practice area and whether you intend to submit a paper.

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PRESENTERS, PARTICIPATION AND PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS

List all presenters and their affiliations. Describe your and any co-presenter(s) experience with regard to the topic of your proposal as well as how you propose to encourage audience participation during your presentation. Include mention of any previous presentations at the Convention or Practice Area Seminars.

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TOPIC DESCRIPTION

Provide a sufficiently detailed description of your topic, including how it aligns to the Convention theme, as well as the practical outcomes that attendees can expect to benefit from. Your description must be such that it allows the Programme Committee to evaluate the quality, originality, and thoroughness of the proposed work.

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AVAILABILITY FOR ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSION

Indicate the dates you are available for a conversation to understand the nature and intent of your proposal if required for selection purposes.

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AUDIENCE KNOWLEDGE

Select the required audience knowledge level. This is the level at which the paper, poster or presentation is to be pitched.

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PEER REVIEWER

If you are submitting a paper with presentation, propose a Peer Reviewer. This is preferably someone independent of the authors who has the appropriate level of expertise and who will be available to undertake the review in the required timeframe. The aim is to ensure the technical accuracy and quality of your work.

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Ts & Cs

Agree to the Terms and Conditions.

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SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

EXTENDED DUE DATE: 17 APRIL 2026

All submissions will be acknowledged.

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact **Casey Langley-Wise, Programme Secretariat** at:

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