

The 27th Annual International RAPDASA AMI Conference

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RAPID PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

**FROM PROTOTYPE TO
PRODUCTION: TRANSLATING
RESEARCH INTO REALITY**

Industry Day

24 June 2026

Co-hosted by MINTEK and the
University of Limpopo

PROGRAMME

08:00 – 09:00	Arrival, Registration, Tea & Coffee	Welcome Desk & Coffee Station
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Morning Session Chairperson: Dr Sivuyisiwe Mapukata

09:00 – 09:10	Opening and Welcome	Dr Keneiloe Khoabane Executive Manager Advanced Materials Division Mintek
09:10 – 09:40	Industry Keynote	Mr Amin Jami Mechanical Engineer VibraMech (Pty) Ltd
09:40 – 10:05	Design & Manufacturing of patient-specific implants	Dr Gerrie Booysen Director of CRPM Central University of Technology
10:05-10:30	Technology Transfer & Innovation	Mr Ian Van Zyl Technology Transfer Specialist Innovus @ Stellenbosch University

10:30 – 10:45 Mid-Morning Tea/Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45	Panel Discussion: The Future of Rapid Product Development in Industry and the Role of Commercialisation in Scaling-Up Innovation	Moderator: Mr Paul Naudé Managing Director: SIMTEQ Eng Panel members: Dr Hencharl Strauss Manager: Photonics Centre CSIR Mr Peet Krüger Business Development & Production System Management, Adiviv Solutions
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11:45 – 13:15	Mintek Tour	Leader: Dr Joseph Moema Head of Physical Metallurgy Group, Advanced Materials Division, Mintek
13:15 – 14:00 Networking Lunch		
Afternoon Session Chairperson: Dr Maje Phasha		
14:00 – 14:25	Circular Economy	Dr Donald Mkhonto Principal Scientist Advanced Materials Division Mintek
14:25 - 14:50	Industrial 3D printing	Mr Peet Krüger Business Development & Production System Management, Aditiv Solutions
14:50 – 15:30	Panel Discussion: Alignment of Skills, Research-Development & Innovation towards Commercialisation	Moderator: Ms Thandiwe Maretlane Commercialisation Specialist Mintek: MOTT Panel members: Dr Hamilton Mphidi Director: Technology Transfer Office (TTO), UJ Ms Nerissa Govender Portfolio Manager: Natural Resources Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) Prof Willie du Preez Centre for Rapid Prototyping & Manufacturing (CRPM) Central University of Technology (CUT)
15:30 – 16:15	Exhibitors Corner and Poster Walkabouts	Mintek Foyer
16:15 – 16:30	Vote of Thanks/Closing Remarks	Dr Marandela Mulaudzi On behalf of RAPDASA
16:30 – 17:00 Afternoon Tea & Coffee Informal Networking		
17:00 – 18:30 Networking Cocktail Function @ G4		
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