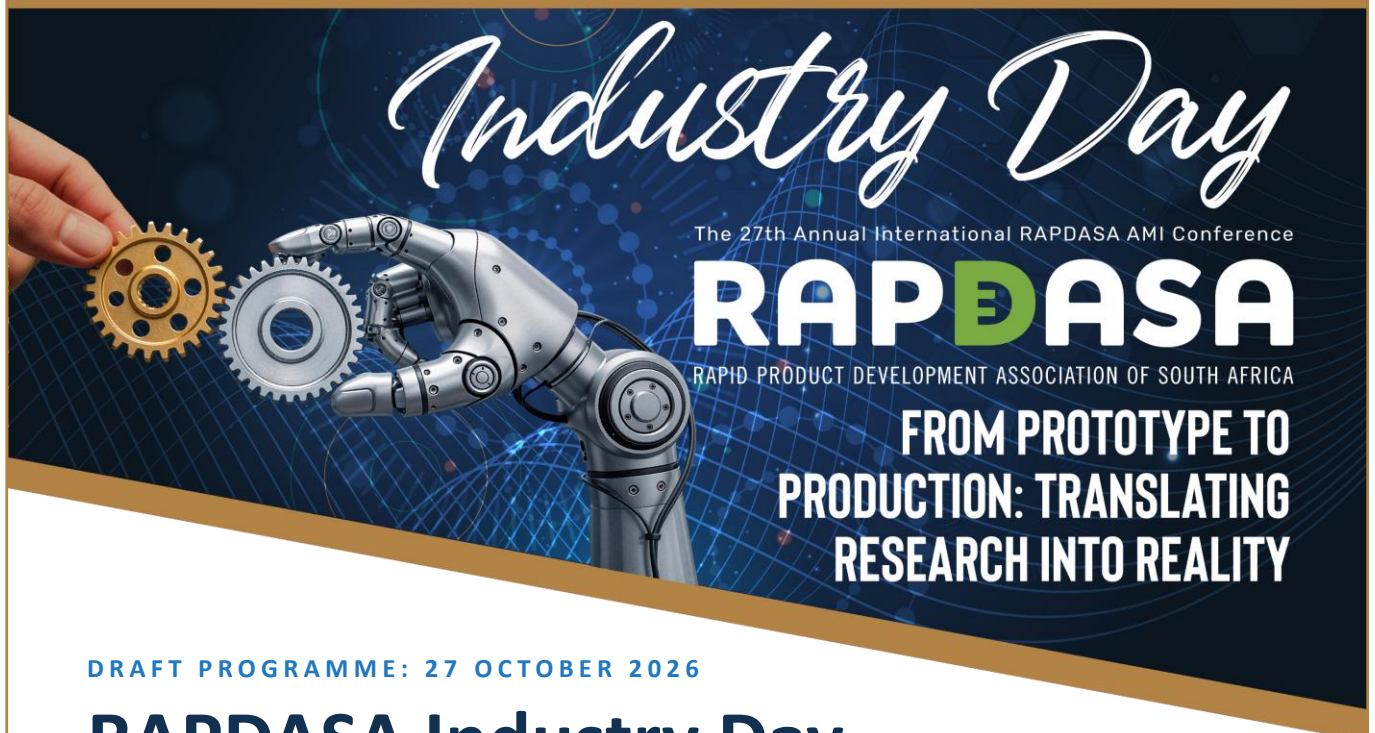




DRAFT PROGRAMME: 27 OCTOBER 2026

RAPDASA Industry Day

The Ranch Protea Hotel

08:00 – 09:00 Arrival, Registration, Tea & Coffee Welcome Desk & Coffee Station

Morning Session

Chairperson: Dr Marandela Mulaudzi (Mintek)

09:00 – 09:10 Opening and Welcome **Prof LJ Mampuru**
Acting Executive Dean, Faculty of Science
and Agriculture, UL

09:10 – 09:40 Industry Keynote **Ms Kgabo Ntlatleng**
Mineral Resources Manager (Bokoni
Platinum Mines)

09:40 – 10:05 Industry and Application **Ms Shikara Maharaj**
Chief Operations Officer at Zurel

10:05 – 10:30 Technology Transfer & Innovation **Mr David Mauchline**
Vaal University of Technology/ Technology
Transfer Office

10:30 – 10:50 Mid-Morning Tea/Coffee Break

10:50 – 11:50

Panel Discussion 1: Theme

Jewellery panel-high value, low volume production using Advanced Manufacturing

Moderator: David Mauchline

Vaal University of Technology (Specialist: Technology Transfer Office)

Panel members:

Mr Siphelele Mangele

Training and Production Manager at Limpopo Business and Jewellery Incubation (LBJI)

Mr Nhlanhla Khuzwayo

Managing Director at Ucu Jewellery Creations

Prof Hasani Chauke

Director, School of Physical and Mineral Sciences, University of Limpopo

Mr. Thabo Lebelo

Manager, Technology Transfer Office, University of Limpopo

11:55 – 12:55

Panel Discussion 2: Theme

Mining panel-localising Industrial Components through Advanced Manufacturing

Moderator: Dr Samuel Kgarimetsa

Valterra Platinum (Manager)

Panel members:

Ms Kgabo Ntlatleng

Mineral Resources Manager (Bokoni Platinum Mines)

Prof Phuti Ngoepe

Materials Modelling Centre, University of Limpopo

Ms Nhluvuko Ngobeni

VIP Superintendent (PMC)

Mr Kabelo Machaba

Concentrator Technical Metallurgist (PMC)

Mr Kobus Van der Berg

Senior General Manager at Valterra Platinum

13:00 – 14:00 Networking Lunch

Afternoon Session

Chairperson: Prof Hasani Chauke (UL)

14:00 – 14:25

Presentation by Government entity

Ms Masindi Tendani

Limpopo Provincial Government



14:25 – 14:50	SEZ/Industry Presentation (Application/prototype/product)	Ms Maseleballo Nchabeleng Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ
14:50 – 15:15	Presentation by institute (University of Limpopo, Cathode Materials Group)	Prof Phuti Ngoepe Cathode Materials Group, University of Limpopo
15:15 – 16:30	Syndicate Working Groups (4 x groups) 1. How can industry and universities co-develop research that is designed for production from the outset? Focus: industry-defined problems, design for manufacture, production requirements, research relevance and early end-user participation. 2. How should teaching and learning prepare graduates to translate prototypes into production-ready products? Focus: design for AM, quality assurance, costing, testing, certification, entrepreneurship and work-integrated learning. 3. How can SMMEs become the manufacturing partners that take university research from prototype to market? Focus: incubation, shared infrastructure, technology transfer, intellectual property, supplier development and access to industrial customers. 4. How can funding organisations bridge the gap between a successful prototype and sustainable production? Focus: pilot production, industrial validation, certification, scale-up funding, procurement commitments and appropriate measures of commercial readiness. <i>Composed of Students/Industry/Government</i>	Facilitator: Prof Hasani Chauke/Dr Maje Phasha Dr TM Phaahla Dr B Shibiri Dr MG Matshaba Dr N Ngoepe University of Limpopo (MMC)
16:30 – 16:40	Closing Remarks	On behalf of RAPDASA Mr Heinrich van der Merwe
16:40 – 17:20 Informal Networking and Exhibitors Corner		
17:30 – 19:30 Networking Cocktail Function @ The Lapa		

