

Dear SATC 2020 author,

In light of the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic that has southern Africa and the world in its grip, the Board of Directors and Organising Committee (OC) of SATC 2020 have had to make decisions around the conference so that you have greater certainty on your travel schedules and plans during the second half of 2020.

The Board of Directors and the Organising Committee of SATC 2020 have agreed to postpone the conference until the same time in 2021.

Instead of a gathering in Pretoria on 6 to 9 July 2020, the Board of Directors has asked the OC of SATC 2020 to consider organising transport sector Webinars later in the year, which will focus on current issues. The topics of the Webinars, their details and the invitations to join in will be communicated to you soon.

1. Should you, as the author of a paper for SATC 2020, wish to update or amend your paper (in preparation for SATC 2021), please notify the conference Secretariat by 30 April 2020. You can also request the conference Secretariat to send you the reviewer(s) comments on your paper if they have been received. The new deadline will be announced on the SATC 2021 website but also communicated to you by the conference Secretariat.
2. Should you wish to retain your paper for consideration for SATC 2021, please notify the conference Secretariat by 30 April 2020. In this regard, you will be required to respond to the reviewer(s) comments and submit the final version by the due date as announced on the SATC 2021 website and also communicated to you by the conference Secretariat.
3. If the conference Secretariat does not hear from you by 30 April 2020, your paper will not be considered for SATC 2021, and you are welcome to submit it elsewhere, as it will not be part of the SATC proceedings.

The Board of Directors and the Organising Committee of SATC 2020 wish to thank you (and your co-authors) for your understanding and your continued support. These are extraordinary times that none of us could have predicted and unprecedented circumstances that none of us welcome.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Maina', written in a cursive style.

Prof James Maina

Chairman: SATC 2020