

# First Announcement & Call for Abstracts

The Southern African Society for Plant Pathology is pleased to announce the **54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress**, to be hosted at the **Premier Hotel Umhlanga** from **18 – 21 January 2026**

The organizing committee of 54<sup>th</sup> SASPP Biennial Congress is thrilled to invite you to the upcoming Congress with the theme: **"Ukuqinisekisa Ikusasa Elisimeme Ngempilo Yezitshalo"** (English translation **"Ensuring a Sustainable Future through Plant Health"**). The congress is a premier gathering of leading experts, researchers, students and industry in the field of plant pathology. This congress will be a platform for sharing ground-breaking research, innovative ideas, and fostering collaborations that will shape the future of our discipline.

Join us as we explore the latest advancements, engage in stimulating discussions, and network with peers from around the world. Your presence will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this event and the advancement of our collective knowledge.

The 54th SASPP Congress will be held at the Premier Hotel Umhlanga, situated in the eThekweni Metropolitan area and is well-known for its beautiful pier and promenade.


## Congress Sub-Themes

- Pathogen identification, characterisation and taxonomy
- Ecology and epidemiology
- Disease management
- Post-harvest pathology and mycotoxins
- Plant-Pathogen/Insect interaction

## Abstracts

Abstracts of 300 words can be submitted directly on the [platform](#) or via the link on the congress website: <https://saspp2026.carlamani.com/>

## Key Dates



<b>Abstract submissions open</b>	7 January 2025
<b>Online registration opens</b>	2 April 2025
<b>Abstract submission deadline</b>	30 June 2025
<b>Outcome notification to authors</b>	31 July 2025
<b>Provisional programme available</b>	8 September 2025
<b>Early bird registration close</b>	30 September 2025
<b>Online registration close</b>	11 December 2025
<b>Congress dates</b>	18 – 21 January 2026

