



Dear NICOLA members,

Spring is here and South Africa is officially on Level 1 and, while it is tempting to head outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather, let us not lose sight of the fact that while restrictions have eased to ensure economic activity, the Covid-19 virus remains a threat. This year has brought unpredictable change both in the local and international context. We had to navigate a storm that had a massive impact on all of us, our businesses and livelihoods. As a result, the NICOLA steering committee are constantly reviewing the impact of these changes towards achieving our 2020's objectives by finding innovative solutions to the challenges that we face.

1. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our 2020 Annual General Meeting will be hosted on **29 October** via the online platform, GoToMeeting. Members are most welcome to attend the AGM free of charge. The main focus of the meeting will be to present the annual financials and to amend the NICOLA Constitution. Kindly note that the election of the Steering Committee for the next term will be deferred to 2021 due to Covid-19, and to allow the continuity of planning with the postponement of the International Sustrem conference. However, we would like to inform our members that we do have one position open on the Steering Committee. This, together with the confirmation from Marcus van Zutphen (Shell), who replaces Hayley Thomas (Shell) in the interim, will be discussed during the AGM. All members (industry or service providers) in good standing (including due payments) will be allowed to apply for the position on the Steering Committee and to vote.

Should you be interested in applying for the vacant position next year, please submit your nominations/motivations to NICOLA Admin before 27 October 2020.

2. SUSTREM2021



SustRem2021 represents a unique opportunity to bring together experts from across Africa and around the world in a spectacular setting to broaden the horizons of sustainable remediation and land management. SustRem2021 will be the 6th International Sustainable Remediation conference, and we have plans to hold the conference at Spier, one of South Africa's oldest wine farms, situated less than 30 km from Cape Town International Airport.

Call for Abstracts

The call for abstracts will open from 30 November 2020 until 9 April 2021. Abstracts are invited for oral and poster presentations for the following themes:

- 🌍 Opportunities to widen existing sustainable remediation frameworks to support broader sustainable land management and sustainable development
- 🌍 Remediation issues pivotal to achieving sustainable development for Africa
- 🌍 Socioeconomic and cultural dimensions of sustainable remediation
- 🌍 Governance challenges to achieve sustainable land management
- 🌍 The UN Sustainable Development Goals & sustainable remediation
- 🌍 Climate change, resilience and global challenges effecting remediation
- 🌍 Sustainability throughout the contaminated land life cycle (site investigation, risk assessment, remediation, performance and verification)
- 🌍 Setting sustainable remediation targets – when are we done?
- 🌍 Enablers for the next land use

Delegates attending both days of the conference will be eligible for 2 CPD credits.

For more information, please visit our webpage by following the link - [NICOLA SustRem2021](#)

3. WEBINARS

NICOLA, together with the various presenters and individuals, have hosted many successful online knowledge sharing webinars over the last few months. A calendar of the online webinars is shared on our website. Please contact NICOLA Admin (admin@nicola-org.com) should you be interested in **hosting a webinar** (you are welcome to present on one of the suggested topics below or choose your own). We have a few open dates in October and November. All webinars are free of charge

with free CPD accreditation to all NICOLA members. Non-NICOLA members are asked to pay R150 per CPD certificate to cover administration costs.

We have received requests for the following topics:

-  Water quality - River and wetland rehabilitation
-  Remediation system case studies
-  Leachate source characterisation (volume and quality)
-  Asbestos contaminated land assessment in line with the Framework
-  South African experiences in fractured aquifers
-  LNAPL remedial technology selection and screening
-  Contamination in fractured zones
-  Groundwater and contaminant transport modelling
-  How to interpret the complex data sets from monitoring networks, including small installations such as fuel stations and large installations such as refineries or terminals
-  Remediation case studies for example, old fuel stations
-  The study of hydrogeology
-  The easiest way to calculate rate of decay for hydrocarbon compounds in groundwater
-  A practical demonstration of current remediation systems from teams onsite. Or practical demonstrations of latest sampling equipment or site characterization

4. LINKEDIN



We are very excited to announce that we are launching our first official LinkedIn Profile. This will allow us to utilise exciting new LinkedIn tools, and we request that all members visit the page and 'Follow'. We hope this will be a useful tool to share information in our network as well as broadening our reach across Africa, so please share with colleagues and clients across the continent!

We will be putting our company member logo's onto the page, as well as Webinar info and other events, and posting news and topical articles. If you would like to have posts shared onto our page, please contact us at admin@nicola-org.com and we'll be happy to share your post. We will also have a function for advertising job opportunities, should your company wish to get exposure and interest from the industry.

We are excited to share with you our new official LinkedIn page! Please follow our page by clicking of the following link [NICOLA LinkedIn](#).

Members are also encouraged to invite other contacts to join the group.

5. NICOLA DIGITAL EVENTS

Please visit our website to keep abreast of the upcoming events: [NICOLA Upcoming Events](#)



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SUSTAINABLE REMEDIATION CONFERENCE (SUSTREM2021)

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October 27, 2021 08:00

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Stay alert and stay safe,



Christina Masimula

Chairperson: NICOLA