

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MONTH 2025

Future Proofing African Mining, Today!



BACKGROUND AROUND THE THEME

- Focus on sustainability and innovation
- Inclusivity and job creation
- Aligns to the Mining Indaba theme
- Beyond mining

THE EVENTS FOR THE MONTH:

YPC Student Debate presented by the SAIMM Johannesburg Branch: 9 October 2025, DRA head offices.

Topic: Does mining provide additional value apart from only extracting resources within communities.

Debate Topics: Fostering innovation, infrastructure development and economic growth across various sectors.

The Johannesburg Branch in partnership with the Young Professionals Council is proud to present the Student Debate featuring The University of Johannesburg and University of the Witwatersrand.

This event will provide a stage for students from The University of Johannesburg and University of the Witwatersrand, within the minerals discipline to present compelling arguments on industry relevant themes.

Career and Leadership Conference: 18 October 2025, University of Johannesburg.

Topic: Future proofing African Mining, Today as a young professional!

The career and leadership conference invites professionals in the mining industry to presentation and panel discussions on the given topic and allow attendees to pose question and tackle issues faced in the industry. The objective is to prepare students for the corporate environment and allow those already in corporate to bridge the gap and have a platform to receive career guidance from the industry leaders and peers.

Student Colloquium: 21 October 2025 Mintek, Randburg, Johannesburg.

Topic: Adapting the African Mining industry to changing global trends to ensure long term sustainability.

The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy has been organizing and presenting the annual Student Colloquium since 2002, to afford the best final-year mining and metallurgical students an opportunity to present their final year projects to an audience of mining and metallurgical industry experts. Students are given an opportunity and platform to showcase their best research and innovation that contributes to advancing the mining and minerals industry to greater heights

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