



The STI 4 SHS Academic & NSI Advisory Group will be jointly hosting the
OUT-OF-THE-BOX Human Settlements Conference
 at the CSIR, Knowledge Commons in Pretoria on the 25th of October 2018

The call for abstracts is now open

South Africa is widely acclaimed for having one of the most advanced Constitution internationally, which recognises and advances human rights such as the Right to good quality housing, education and health. Human settlements are integral to these social goods - not only in providing basic shelter and utilities - but also in progressive attainment of a good quality of life for all our citizens. Furthermore, realising these rights within existing resource limitations and within environmentally sustainable means provides a challenge.

This conference focuses on Science Technology and Innovation (STI) and how these can be leveraged to produce sustainable human settlements.

Themes for the conference are:

1. Technology
 - Identification and selection;
 - Life cycle (i.e. development, creation, production, marketability, maturity. etc.);
 - Monitoring & Evaluation
2. Applying technology in human settlements: case studies
3. Enablers
 - Education and capacity development needs
 - Financing to stimulate STI in sustainable settlements
 - Policy and legislation for STI in sustainable settlements

Academic papers on any of these topics will be double-blind peer reviewed and included in an electronic proceedings.

Key dates:

17 August 2018	Submission of abstracts closes
28 August 2018	Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance via email
28 September 2018	Full papers due
17 October 2018	Attendee registration closes
25 October 2018	Conference day

Presenters and attendees will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation and incidentals in respect to attending the conference. Conference attendance is R350. This forms part of the STI 4 SHS Roadmap project, which is funded by TIA as part of the South African Government's initiative to promote and support Innovation for Inclusive Development.

Please go to <http://www.sti4shs.co.za/events/conferences/ootb> to register, submit abstracts or for further details.

