



Air Aware: Youth-led Conference on Air Pollution Policy and Implementation

Date: Thursday, 26 February 2026

Venue: The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg

Event Programme	
Programme Director: Rendani Tshitangano – Youth@SAIIA	
Time	Session
08:30 – 09:30	Arrival and Registration
09:30 – 10:15	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Address: Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA Message of Support: Cecilia Vaca Jones, Executive Director, Breathe Cities Introduction of Mayor: Jack Sekwaila, MMC for EISD, City of Johannesburg Keynote Address: Dada Morero, Executive Mayor, City of Johannesburg
10:15 – 10:45	Youth Statement and Ceremonial Handover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Statement Presentation: Awethu Dwayisa and Youth Statement Leads Official Handover to the Executive Mayor
10:45 – 11:30	Tea Break and Interactive Exhibits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement With Youth-led Air Quality Campaigns and Partner Initiatives Tyla Nxumalo, Youth@SAIIA Urban Better Joburg Cityzens Hub
11:30 – 11:50	Introduction to the Air Aware Campaign Lehlohonolo Jack, Youth@SAIIA Programme Associate
11:50 – 12:50	Youth Voices on Air Pollution & Health Impacts Youth Panellists Share Lived Experiences, Community Insights and Advocacy Actions Moderator: Ngelekanyo Tshishonga, Youth@SAIIA Intern Panellists: Youth Air Champions
12:50 – 13:30	Futures and Visioning: Clean Air Johannesburg 2030 Facilitators: Karabo Mangena and Lehlohonolo Jack Interactive Foresight Session on Youth-Inclusive Clean Air Policy Pathways For Johannesburg
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch and Networking
14:30 – 15:10	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue: From Vision to Policy Action Moderator: Rendani Tshitangano, Youth@SAIIA Policy-focused discussion on implementation gaps, enablers, and the role of youth in air quality governance and tangible solutions. Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muhammad Cassim and Wandile Mofokeng, Gauteng Office of The Premier Youth Advisory Council Lydia Muditambi, Director of Air Quality Management, Gauteng Department of Environment Thabo Ntitsane, Joburg Youth Council Lunga Ngcukana, Breathe Cities
15:10 – 15:30	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflections: Mike Saxton, Breathe Cities Project Director Way Forward: Donovan Fullard, Youth@SAIIA Head