

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Innovative Strategies for Integrating Technology,
Infrastructure, and Resilience

29 - 30 January 2026

Central University of Technology, Free State
Bloemfontein, South Africa

The Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment, and Information Technology (FEBIT) at the Central University of Technology (CUT) is pleased to invite abstract submissions for its inaugural international conference:

“Sustainable Smart Cities 2026: Innovative Strategies for Integrating Technology, Infrastructure, and Resilience.”

This flagship event offers a vibrant platform for global and African experts in academia, industry, policy, and civil society to explore the future of urban development through a smart, sustainable, and inclusive lens.

Conference Objectives

Facilitate exchange on sustainable urban innovation and resilience.

Showcase cutting-edge research, case studies, and technologies.

Promote interdisciplinary collaboration to address urban challenges.

Explore ethical, social, and environmental impacts of smart technologies.

Position CUT as a leader in SMART city research and innovation in the Global South.

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Conference Themes

We welcome abstracts addressing, but not limited to, the following areas:

Smart City Planning & Governance

Technological Innovations (AI, IoT, Digital Twins)

Climate Resilient Cities & Nature-Based Solutions

Energy-Water Nexus & Circular Systems

Smart Mobility & Infrastructure

Social Inclusion & Community-led Smart Cities

Cultural Heritage Preservation through Tech

Disaster Resilience & Emergency Smart Systems

Targeted Participants

- Academics, researchers, and postgraduate students
- Urban development and technology professionals
- Policymakers and government officials
- NGOs and civic tech innovators

Abstract Submission Details

Length: Max 300 words

Include: Title, author(s), affiliation(s), and contact details

Format: Word or PDF

Submit to: FEBITCONF@cut.ac.za

Deadline: 30 May 2025

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit full papers which will be published in the conference proceeding after a review process.

African Focus, Global Relevance.

The conference will spotlight African urban experiences and innovations, featuring case studies.

Join us in shaping the cities of the future—smart, resilient, and inclusive.

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