

Accelerating technological solutions for the SDGs 8 - 10 October 2025



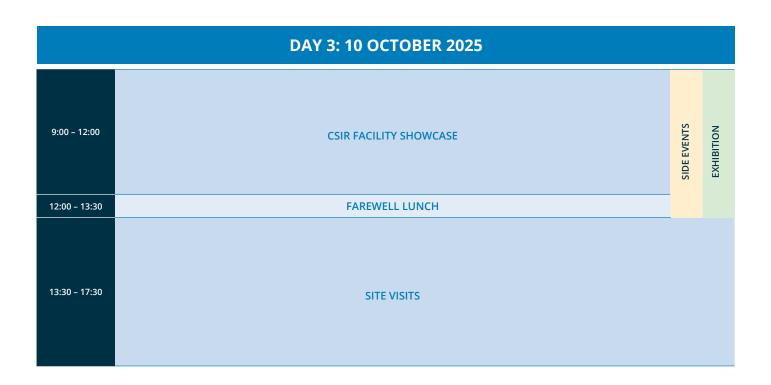
PROGRAMME

DAY 1: 8 OCTOBER 2025

8:15 - 9:00	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST										
9:00 - 10:00	HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY OPENING SESSION Opening and welcome by the Chief Executive Officer of the CSIR, Dr Thulani Dlamini Opening remarks by the CEO of VITO, Ms. Inge Neven Opening remarks by the Honourable Minister of Science Technology and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande Opening Plenary by the President of the Republic of South Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa (to be confirmed)										
10:00 - 10:15	BREAK & OPENING EXHIBITION										
10:15 - 11:30	HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY SESSION										
	THEMATIC PLENARY SESSIONS										
11:30 - 12:45	Africa's sustainability challenges and opportunities: Energy and low-carbon development strategy		Health and the 2030 Agenda: Strengthening global cooperation for health and sustainable development		Can the WEFE-Health Nexus deliver the SDGs?						
	ENERGY		HEALTH		WATER						
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCH										
14:00 - 15:30	Enhancing access to renewable energy through NDCs: The role of public-private partnerships CLIMATE		THEMATIC PLENARY SESSIONS Strengthened agricultural productivity and resilient food systems FOOD & AGRICULTURE		Building national resilience through home-grown technological innovations for safety and security SAFETY & SECURITY		SIDE EVENTS	EXHIBITION			
15:30 - 16:00	BREAK										
			DEEP DIVE	SESSIONS							
16:00 - 17:30	Enhancing access to renewable energy through NDCs	Empowering youth through education for climate action	Innovations and integration of geothermal energy in the global renewable landscape energy	Building climate- resilient health systems: Equity, innovation, and the 2030 Agenda	Leveraging technology and innovation for strategic safety, security, and resilience in South Africa	Climate-resilient future: Exploring water-positive pathways					
	CLIMATE	CLIMATE	ENERGY	HEALTH	SAFETY & SECURITY	WATER					



11:15 - 12:45	CIRCULAR ECONOMY	climate impacts	pipeline: Unlocking small funds to accelerate and de-risk local solutions	biomass into biofuels and high valued chemicals for a sustainable future ENERGY	Health and Sustainability: Integrating Ocean and Coastal Systems into the 2030 Agenda HEALTH	solutions for local sustainability – experiences and best practices WATER	SIDE EVENTS	EXHIBITION		
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCH									
DEEP DIVE SESSIONS										
14:00 - 15:30	From lab to market: how to accelerate the sustainable tran- sition through push-pull strate- gies and smarter climate finance	Energy storage as an enabler to the South African energy transition	Community- based epidemic and disaster preparedness HEALTH	Agricultural insurance and disaster risk management for climate risks and natural catastrophes	The role of water quality monitoring for water management and climate change adaptation					
15:30 - 15:45	BREAK									
15:45 - 17:00	HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY CLOSING SESSION									
17:00 - 18:00	NETWORKING RECEPTION									



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