

South African Geodesy Workshop 2026

DRAFT Programme

Day 1 — Excursion to SANSA & Hartebeesthoek (HartRAO)

Day 2 — Progress, History, Pillars 3/5/6, Africa & GGOS-Africa, SAGWG Inauguration

Time	Item	Lead/Owner	Details
08:30–09:00	Registration & Tea/Coffee	[TBC]	Participants registered
09:00–09:10	Welcome & Setting the Scene (10 min)	DSTI + DLRRD (Chair/Co-chair)	Opening remarks
09:10–09:25	Feedback & Overview: 2025 Workshop and Report (15 min)	[TBC]	Recap of the 2025 workshop, its findings, and the signed report
09:25–09:40	Progress to Date & SAGWG Establishment (15 min)	[TBC]	Status update against the 2025 report's action list (ToR, MoU, UN-GGCE MMoU, stakeholder onboarding, roadmap) — covers Pillar 1 (Governance, Partnerships & Reporting), so no separate Pillar 1 session later
09:40–09:55	Panel Discussion	Session speakers	Panel on progress & establishment, a few questions from the floor
09:55–10:15	Tea/Coffee Break (20 min)		
10:15–11:20	History of Geodesy in South Africa and Africa (65 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk plus shorter contributed talks tracing SA/African geodetic history; a few questions taken after each talk
11:20–11:40	Overview of the SAGWG Pillars (20 min)	[TBC]	Introduces the (refined) pillar framework, setting up the individual pillar sessions that follow across both days
11:40–12:30	Pillar 3: Infrastructure & Operations (50 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk
12:30–14:00	Lunch (1.5 hrs)		
14:00–14:50	Pillar 5: Data, Standards & Open Access (50 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk
14:50–15:40	Pillar 6: Reference Systems & Regional Frames (50 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk
15:40–16:00	Tea/Coffee Break (20 min)		
16:00–16:50	African Initiatives & GGOS-Africa (50 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk
17:25	Close of Day 2		

Day 3 — Pillars 7/2/4/8, Industry Session, Closing

Time	Item	Lead/Owner	Details
08:30–09:00	Arrival & Tea/Coffee	[TBC]	
09:00–09:15	Welcome & Recap of Day 2	[TBC]	Short recap, objectives for the day
09:15–10:00	Pillar 7: Human Capital Development (45 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk
10:00–10:50	Pillar 2: Advocacy & Communications & Outreach (50 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk
10:50–11:10	Tea/Coffee Break (20 min)		
11:10–12:00	Pillar 4: Spectrum Protection (50 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk
12:00–12:50	Pillar 8: R&D & Next-Gen Supply Chain — Innovation & Technology Development (50 min)	[TBC]	Plenary talk + contributed talk(s); a few questions after each talk; closes the pillar sessions
12:50–14:20	Lunch (1.5 hrs)		
14:20–15:10	Industry Session (50 min)	Industry/private-sector partners	Presentations from industry & private-sector partners (e.g. Leica Geosystems and others)
15:10–15:30	Tea/Coffee Break (20 min)		
15:30–15:50	Summary, Highlights & Way Forward (20 min)	[TBC]	Key outcomes, next steps
15:50–16:00	Close & Communiqué (10 min)	DDGs (DSTI + DLRRD)	End of workshop