



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION RDI CALL 2025-2026

Targeted groups:

Institutions of Higher Learning, Science Councils & Consultants, Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), Civil Society Organisations

Date(s): 18 and 19 June 2025

Time(s): 4 sessions as indicated on invitation

Platform: Zoom registration links available on invitation

Programme Director(s): Ms Shanna Nienaber & Mr Thabo Mthombeni, Water Research Commission

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
13:00 - 13:05	Welcome and opening	
13:05– 13:15	Setting the scene	CEO/ Executive Manager
13:15-13:30	Overview of the WRC RDI strategy/ themes and priorities RDI Call Roadmap	WRC RDI Executives and Senior RMs
13:30- 13:45	Electronic submission systems/ Business Management System	WRC System Developer: Mr Kevin Matos
13:45: 14:00	Q&A Session	All
14:00 -14:15	Wrap up and closing of the meeting	Programme Director



WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION RDI 2025/26 CALL TIMELINE

The stages, dates and activities of receiving and reviewing Concept Notes and Project Proposals during the Call are presented here below.

START OF CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS	
06 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch and advertise the Call on various platforms
18 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMS enabled to receive concept notes
18 – 19 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRC 101 online workshop
11 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission deadline of Concept Notes
SCREENING AND PRE-SELECTION OF SUBMITTED PROJECT PROPOSALS/CONCEPT NOTES	
12 – 21 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial screening and review of concept notes Concept notes for approval. Review Panel members identified per Theme
22 – 25 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project leaders / institutions informed of the successful (approved) Concept Notes. Panel Review invitation letter sent out
28 – July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMS enabled to receive full proposal of Approved Concept Notes only.
15 August 2025 (15H00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the proposal due date
EVALUATION , SELECTION AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT	
25 – 29 August 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal review panel meetings
01 – 05 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation to EXCO for Approval
16 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Approval for funding
18 – 25 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision letters to Institutions/Contractors
18 – 26 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMS is enabled to receive proposal amendments
01 October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project MoAs signing to start