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The Southern African Conference on Artificial Intelligence Research is pleased to announce SACAIR2026

The conference theme, **Power, Justice, and the Governance of AI** has not been more relevant than now, as generative AI permeates through society at an unprecedented rate. The rapid global deployment of powerful AI systems is triggering critical challenges for all sectors of society. Regulatory frameworks are struggling to keep pace with technological development; a handful of corporations and states command disproportionate influence over the direction of AI; and the consequences of governance failure—algorithmic bias, automated misinformation, mass surveillance, and autonomous harm—fall disproportionately on those least able to bear them. These problems demand a genuinely interdisciplinary response: one that draws simultaneously on computer science, information systems, philosophy, and law, and one that insists on the perspectives of the Global South as central rather than peripheral to the conversation.

SACAIR 2026 is the seventh to be held under the SACAIR brand. The conference will build on the successes of the past six conferences.

SACAIR 2026 will be hosted by the University of KwaZulu-Natal from 30 November to 4 December 2026.

SACAIR 2026 will offer the following tracks:

- Traditional AI, Symbolic AI, and Data-Driven AI (Computer Science)
- Socio-technical and human-centered AI (Information Systems)
- Responsible and Ethical AI (Philosophy and Law / Humanities)
- Inter- and trans-disciplinary AI research

The programme includes an **Unconference** for students on 30 November 2026 (a student-driven event for students to interact with each other and with sponsors and other possible employers), a day of **Tutorials and Workshops** on 1 December 2026 and the **Main Conference** from 1 – 4 December 2026.

The sponsorship/partnership packages are a guideline and any of the packages can be customised to suit your organisation or company's requirements. Should you be interested in sponsoring any aspects of the conference, or any other not mentioned here, please contact the SACAIR2026 Organising Committee, enquiries@sacair.org.za or the conference organiser Renée le Roux at rleroux@mongoose.co.za

Visit the SACAIR2026 website for more information on the conference at
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SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
PACKAGE PRICE (RANDS)	R 120 000	R 80 000	R 60 000	R 30 000
Acknowledgement as a Sponsor/Partner by the SACAIR2026 Chairperson, during the Opening Plenary Address	✓	✓	✓	✓
A 5-minute opportunity to share information about your organisation at the Main Conference opening on Wednesday, 2 December 2026.	✓			
A 5-minute opportunity to share information about your organisation at the Main Conference opening on Thursday, 3 December 2026.		✓		
A 5-minute opportunity to share information about your organisation at the Main Conference opening on Friday, 4 December 2026.			✓	
Co-branding rights at the conference venue	✓			
Co-branding of the conference bag. (Please note the bag is branded by means of a tag)	✓	✓		
Promotional item and ar brochure in the delegate bag	4	3	2	1
Complimentary registration to the 5-day conference and the Conference Dinner.	3	2	1	
A trestle table in the foyer to the main plenary for the duration of the conference	✓	✓	✓	✓
A 5-minute opportunity to address students at the Unconference	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo placement on all conference marketing e-mails	✓	✓	✓	✓
Company logo placement on the home page of the SACAIR2026 conference website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Company logo and 75-word description of your company with a hyperlink to your company website.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Company logo displayed on static PowerPoint slide throughout the-day conference – during conference intervals.	✓	✓	✓	✓

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