

Patron Membership Benefits



Water Institute of
Southern Africa

PATRON MEMBER

Why become a member of WISA?

- The Water Institute of Southern Africa, better known as WISA, was initially established in 1937, making it the oldest and only water-related association in South Africa that looks after the collective interests of the water sector, the professionals therein and the public.
- WISA is recognised by SAQA as a professional body and is the custodian of the professional designation Professional Process Controller (Pr. PC Water), which authorises it to accredit, award and administer the designation to the water sector.
- The Professional Process Controller designation has recently been accepted as a requirement for Class V and VI Process Controllers in DWS Regulation 3630.
- WISA is represented nationally by various branches, technical divisions and empowerment platforms, and more than 3,500 members, hence it has the largest footprint of any water-related organisation in Southern Africa.
- WISA has taken leadership in many areas within the water sector, including promoting professionalisation in the water sector.
- The association's Head office is situated in Midrand, where our experienced, qualified, and friendly staff are always willing to assist our members.

What does WISA do for its members?

- Promote the effective and efficient management of water resources and water services globally;
- Promotes the common interests of all persons engaged in the water sector and industry in order to improve the quality of water resources and water services management globally; and
- Support and integrate the water sector, strengthening its “fabric” and dealing with all issues relating to the water sector and the environment including relevant regulations;
- Arrange training and events to encourage better communication, career growth, skills development, exchange of information and networking within the sector;
- Facilitate social, educational, economic and managerial development;
- Liaise with government (Central, Provincial and Local), regional water authorities, industry, NGOs and any other appropriate bodies on all matters relating to the water sector;
- Promote participation and active involvement in research for the benefit of the water sector and water users;
- Establish a national database of all professionals, managers, administrators, and functionaries active in the water sector in order to improve networking and to facilitate the sharing of information;
- Establish and manage a fund to support research, individual development and capacity building;
- Establish programmes and forums to help develop new skills and training to improve the sector.

Among the benefits associated with being a Patron Member of WISA, Patron Members are entitled to:

Your status in the water sector

1. Your organisation receives a framed WISA membership certificate at registration to proudly display at your offices.
2. Your organisation is bestowed with the honour of being a Patron Member of WISA which acknowledges you as a key stakeholder in the water sector.
3. Your organisation appears in the WISA member online directory.
4. Your organisation has one vote at the WISA AGM.
5. Your organisation is entitled to use the provided membership logo on its company letterhead and advertising. Please note that the usage of the WISA logo specifically excludes any product labelling, or any form of product, or services, endorsement or approval.
6. Your organisation is honoured as a key stakeholder by having its name listed on the WISA letterhead.

Advertising and promoting your organisation

7. As a Patron Member, your organisation has a dedicated page on the WISA website to publish your company profile and contact details, with a link to your organisation's official website.
8. Your organisation receives one free advertisement in the WISA newsletter per year.
9. Your organisation receives preferential rates for advertising on WISA platforms.
10. Your organisation has the honour of receiving discounted event sponsorship and product opportunities, this gives your organisation numerous marketing and branding opportunities. WISA events include international, national, or regional conferences, technical tours, exhibitions, etc. WISA products include technical handbooks, corporate gifts, stationary, apparel, etc.
11. Your organisation receives an unlimited number of free vacancy listings on the WISA website which is viewed by a high number of relevant stakeholders.
12. Your organisation can advertise and promote its bursary programme, free of charge on any WISA channel.
13. Your organisation will receive assistance and support from WISA to promote your events.

Building a relationship and getting involved

14. Your organisation can send 2 representatives to attend the WISA Patron Member Networking Event, free of charge.
15. Your organisation and its staff can volunteer to serve on WISA's Participation Structures or offer advisory, coaching or mentorship services to the water sector.

WISA Technical support, education, and information services

16. Your organisation's staff have access to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) accredited training and events at discounted rates.
17. Your organisation has access to the technical support and information offered by WISA on its website and social media platforms.

18. Your organisation's primary contact person, plus 4 additional employees, receive free copies of the 'Water and Sanitation Africa' magazine published by WISA and 'The Water Wheel' magazine, courtesy of the Water Research Commission.
19. Your organisation's listed contacts will receive the fortnightly electronic WISA Newsletter.

WISA events

20. Your organisation's listed contacts will be regularly notified on upcoming WISA events and formal training courses, through WISA's various communication platforms.
21. Your organisation receives a free, standard sized exhibition stand at the WISA Biennial Conference.
22. Your organisation receives four free delegate tickets for the WISA Biennial Conference.
23. Any further delegates can attend the WISA Biennial Conference at a preferential discounted rate.
24. Your organisation will receive preferential discounted delegate rates on attendance at any other WISA training or events.

WISA Products

25. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to the WISA members online directory.
26. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to the WISA library which contains abstracts and/or papers from past events.
27. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to recordings of webinars, where available.
28. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to sector related tenders on the WISA website.
29. Your organisation may list their own water-sector related tenders on WISA's website at no cost.
30. Your organisation can purchase available WISA publications at a discounted rate. These publications include WISA published handbooks and guidelines.

Please note that these benefits are applicable to members in good standing. Member benefits will be suspended if a member's account is in arrears.

Kindly note that it is the responsibility of the member to fully utilise the provided benefits to ensure the best return on your membership investment.

Your organisation can provide feedback and suggestions relating to WISA events, products, and services through WISA customer satisfaction surveys or by sending your feedback to membership@wisa.org.za.

Please note that the above benefits and services are subject to change without prior notice.