

Mr. Johan van Niekerk
Swellendam Municipality

RE: INVITATION TO JOIN SA AHP WASTE FORUM BOARD

March 17th, 2026

Dear Mr van Niekerk,

It is our pleasure to formally invite you to serve as a Director of the South African Absorbent Hygiene Product (AHP) Waste Forum NPC for the 2026–2027 term.

The South African AHP Waste Forum is a multi-stakeholder, non-profit initiative established to advance coordinated, evidence-based responses to the growing challenge of absorbent hygiene product waste, including nappies and other sanitary products. The Forum brings together representatives from academia, government, industry, and civil society to support the development of inclusive, practical, and sustainable solutions across the value chain. Its work engages closely with national policy processes, including Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations, while also supporting on-the-ground innovation in collection, treatment, and integration of waste workers.

As a Director, you would contribute to the strategic direction and governance of the Forum, drawing on your experience within local government and your leadership in municipal waste management. Your participation would be particularly valuable in ensuring that the perspectives, constraints, and opportunities facing municipalities—especially in smaller and rural contexts—are meaningfully represented in national discussions and initiatives.

We believe your expertise and commitment to advancing sustainable waste management practices make you an excellent candidate for this role, and we would be honoured to have you join the Forum's leadership.

Please let us know if you are willing to accept this invitation. We would be happy to provide any additional information required.

Thank you,



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