



Versuchs- und Lehranstalt für Brauerei in Berlin (VLB) e.V.

JUNE 2 TO 4, 2025 IN JOHANNESBURG, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Africa Brewing Conference 2025 – Johannesburg

Programme

- + Market Overview
- + Raw Materials
- + Sustainability and Brewery 4.0
- + Yeast & Fermentation
- + Optimization in Brewing Technology
- + Filling & Packaging

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 VENUE: HOTEL SKY SANDTON, JOHANNESBURG, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  LANGUAGE: ENGLISH



MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2025

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| 10:30 | Registration |
| 13:30 | Bus departure to the technical visits
(in front of the Hotel) |
| 15:00 | Technical visit at AB InBev Rosslyn Brewery in Pretoria* OR Heineken Sedibeng Brewery
<i>*The number of participants for the tour is limited. Please be aware to bring along your own safety shoes, safety goggles, safety vest and ear protection to enter the brewing premises. Entrance will only be allowed wearing trousers</i> |
| 18:30 | Bus departure from the technical visits to hotel |

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2025

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| 9:00 | Welcome & introduction
<i>Roberto Biurrun (VLB Berlin)</i> |
| 9:10 | VLB – past to present
<i>Dr. Josef Fontaine (VLB Berlin)</i> |

SESSION 1: MARKET OVERVIEW

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| Chair: | N.N. |
| 9:30 | The role of the beer industry in South Africa's economy
<i>Charlene Louw (BASA – Beer Association of South Africa)</i> |
| 10:00 | An overview of the beer market in Africa
<i>Christopher Day (Euromonitor)</i> |
| 10:30 | Coffee break with accompanying exhibition |



SESSION 2: RAW MATERIALS

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| Chair: | N.N. |
| 11:10 | Availability and quality of water as a raw material in times of climate change
<i>Dr. Alfons Ahrens (VLB Berlin)</i> |
| 11:45 | Reducing the carbon footprint of malt – current research on the production and utilisation of withered malt
<i>Florian Schrickel (VLB Berlin)</i> |
| 12:15 | Innovations in hop products – making life easier!
<i>Frank Peifer (Hopsteiner)</i> |
| 12:45 | Lunch break with accompanying exhibition |

SESSION 3: SUSTAINABILITY AND BREWERY 4.0

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| Chair: | N.N. |
| 14:40 | Phoenix BMC – plant for biomass conversion
<i>Dr. Christian Dörr (Steinecker)</i> |
| 14:45 | Unlocking energy efficiency on the road to net zero
<i>Dominik Wiese (Ziemann Holvrieka)</i> |
| 15:15 | Brewery 4.0 – how to evolutionise the brewing industry
<i>Surinder Singh (Carlsberg New Technologies)</i> |
| 16:05 | Conclusion & discussion |
| 18:30 | Bus departure to the Get-together at Gilroy's Brewery |
| 19:00 to 21:30 | Get-together at Gilroy's Brewery – courtesy of ZIEMANN HOLVRIEKA |
| 21:30 | Bus departure back to the hotel |

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WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025

SESSION 4: YEAST & FERMENTATION

Chair: N.N.

9:00 **Welcome & introduction**

Roberto Biurrun (VLB Berlin)

9:10 **Optimizing beer fermentation with Iso-Mix: Achievements in Africa and worldwide**

Alyce Hartvigsen (Alfa Laval)

9:40 **New superior quality standards for active dry beer yeast**

*Andrew De Groot
(Fermentis – Société Industrielle Lesaffre)*

10:10 **Yeast propagation in modern breweries: Innovations and global practices**

Jan Biering (VLB Berlin)

10:40 *Coffee break with accompanying exhibition*

SESSION 5: OPTIMIZATION IN BREWING TECHNOLOGY

Chair: N.N.

11:40 **Optimizing brewing processes for longer beer flavour stability**

Petr Vesely (AB InBev)

12:10 **Ensuring safety & increasing efficiency by Ziemann retrofit in brewing Industry – ATEX compliance in raw material handling**

Alexander John (Ziemann Holvrieka)

12:40 **How the future of brewing affects the cold block**

Dr. Roland Pahl-Dobrick (Pall Corporation)

13:10 *Lunch break with accompanying exhibition*

SESSION 5: FILLING & PACKAGING

Chair: N.N.

14:40 **Evaluation of returnable bottles: Method for measuring the pool quality to optimize the bottle pool**

Florian Heukäufer (VLB Berlin)

15:10 **Efficient and sustainable beer and bottle handling generates outstanding quality**

Alton Chetty (KHS)

15:40 **General packaging overview: New trends and current hot topics**

Florian Heukäufer (VLB Berlin)

16:10 *Conclusion & discussion*

16:20 *Closing words & end of conference*

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Conference venue

Hotel Sky Sandton, 150 West Street (corner of West and Maude Street), Sandton 2196, Gauteng, South Africa

For reservations use our promo code: 5THVLB
booking under: <https://lmy.de/MfiqC>

Conference language: English

Attendance fees

Breweries, manufacturer/brand owners of other beverages, maltings: 290 €*

Supply industry, consultants and others: 1575 €*

*all prices plus local taxes

* discount for VLB members

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