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To: All AMESA members, invited speakers, and whom it may concern

Re: STATEMENT ON POSTPONEMENT OF THE 26th AMESA NATIONAL CONGRESS FROM 2020 TO 2021

With the evolving situation of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak causing the suspension or cancellation of large-scale events and gatherings, we as we as AMESA National Council in association with the AMESA National Congress 2020 Local Organizing Committee (LOC), hereby provide you with an update on our AMESA National Congress 2020, which was approved by AMESA National Council at the AMESSA National Council meeting held virtually via Google Meet on 18 July 2020.

1. The 26th AMESA National Congress for 2020 is **postponed to 2021**. It will no longer take place in 2020.
2. The 26th AMESA National Congress will be planned for **June/July 2021 subject to the final DBE school calendar for 2021**, and will be **hosted by Gauteng region**, provided the health and safety of our members are not threatened by the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic/disaster.
3. All submissions including long paper, short paper, workshop, 'How I Teach' and poster submitted for the 26th AMESA National Congress in 2020 will be carried forward to AMESA Congress to be held in 2021. We encourage AMESA members to continue to submit manuscripts for review to our Academic Coordinator, Prof Zingiswa Jojo, using the email address jojozmm@amesa.org.za

4. All payments made towards any item for the 26th AMESA National Congress in 2020, will be credited towards the revised cost of corresponding items for the 26th AMESA National Congress to be held in 2021
5. North West Region will host the 27th AMESA National Congress in 2022, and all other regions scheduled to host the AMESA National Congress will subsequently be delayed by one year. (The information on the website for all future conferences will be updated.)

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