Dear Sir/Madam

**INVITATION TO JUDGE: KZN ESKOM EXPO FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS REGIONAL EXPOS 2018**

**We are inviting judges from both the academic (students and staff) and private sector to judge at the regional Expos in KZN as follows:**

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| **KZN REGION** | **DISTRICTS COVERED** | **DATE OF REGIONAL EXPO** | **VENUE FOR REGIONAL EXPO** |
| Northern KZN | UThukela, Amajuba, Umzinyathi, Zululand | 27 July 2018 | Ladysmith Indoor Sports Centre |
| KZN North Coast | UThungulu, Zululand | 02 August 2018 | UNIZULU – King Bhekuzulu Hall |
| KZN Far North | UMkhanyakude and Zululand | 07 August 2018 | Sisizakele Special School, Jozini |
| Central KZN | Pinetown, Umlazi, ILembe and UMgungundlovu | 14 & 15 August 2018 | Durban Exhibition Centre |
| Southern KZN | UGu and Harry Gwala | 16 August 2018 | Umzinto Town Hall |

* Judges can volunteer to judge at more than one regional expo.
* Criteria for becoming a judge: Expertise in any of the 24 categories in the attached list, passionate about developing the youth and be able to engage with learners from both primary and high schools.
* Attend a compulsory judges training workshop either on 26 or 31 July 2018 at DUT.
* Further information will be provided on receipt of judges’ reply form attached below.
* Attempts will be made to assist with transport for students who wish to judge at the regional expos.

**Brief Background:**

1. Eskom Expo for Young Scientists (Eskom Expo) is a non-profit organisation which was founded in 1980, operates in 35 regions in all nine provinces and is managed by volunteers. Eskom Expo presents South Africa's largest and most unique educational fair for school students from grades 5 to 12. It is endorsed by the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Basic Education.

2. The Eskom Expo for Young Scientists affords school students the unique opportunity of showcasing their innovation and ingenuity through projects selected from 24 categories, the focus areas being STEMI (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and innovation). It creates a platform for growth and serves as a catchment for future scientists, researchers and engineers. The process involves submission of innovative science and engineering research projects by our ‘young scientists' to judges at school, regional, national and international levels.

3. Schools throughout KZN will gather at the various venues, to compete at these regional Expos. Selection to represent the province at the national event, will be up for grabs at these events.

6. All judges will be given a certificate for judging.

7. Judges can select the categories of preference for judging, from the category list attached. More than one category should be indicated as the category allocated to judges will depend on number of projects and number of judges in that category.

8. Kindly email your response to judge to nalini@exposcience.co.za

**REPLY CONFIRMING YOUR ATTENDANCE**

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| Name and Surname:(as it should appear on your judges certificate) |  |
| Organisation/ Institution AND field of specialisation:  |  |
| Judging experience at Expo(number of years):  |  |
| email: |  |
| Cell phone:  |  |
| Categories you would like to judge, in order of preference [see attached list]: | 1.2.3. |
| DATES/REGIONS/VENUES you are available to judge: |  |

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| Will you be requiring a letter for your employer requesting time off forTRAINING?  | YES | NO |
| Will you be requiring a letter for your employer requesting time off forJUDGING? | YES | NO |

I thank you in advance for your contribution in developing our youth and promoting STEMI, through your participation in our event.

Kind Regards,

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