Call for Tech Fair at the 9th ICAT

The primary goal in the development of Appropriate Technology, as declared by INAT, is for science and technology to work toward worldwide egalitarianism where all people have equal access to resources that meet basic needs. It is against this backdrop that the 9th International Conference on Appropriate Technology (9th ICAT) hosted in Pretoria, South Africa, hosting a Virtual Technology Fair.

The **Tech Fair at the 9th ICAT** will provide an excellent opportunity for individuals and organisations to display their innovative technological interventions. It is open to university researchers, start-up ventures, SMEs as well as larger established enterprises. **Please submit an abstract of 100-200 words explaining your intervention. Each exhibitor will be allowed to submit a 5-10 minute video that provides details of your work. The virtual exhibits will also include a one minute video version of your innovative work that will be widely distributed in advance of the conference. This will be aired multiple times during the conference. Both videos will be available through our website during and after the conference. Each exhibitor will have access to a live online interactive room during the conference to exchange ideas in real time. In order to make this experience meaningful we will limit the number of exhibits. Apply now to get one of these limited opportunities.**  The virtual exhibitors will reach out and communicate to a broader audience, both at the fair, before the fair on our website and through the publications and online exchanges that will follow the conference. Participation in the Tech Fair will provide an opportunity to network with other exhibitors and conference participants and benefit from the exposure to other virtual technology suites that have implications for your field of work.

The **Virtual Tech Fair** will open on **23 November and run through 26 November 2020.** The purpose of the fair is to provide participants with an experience of the technologies discussed and presented during the conference, and to promote Appropriate Technology as a relevant field for technology developers.

**The exhibition categories are**

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| Green Economy and Innovation | Health |
| Energy and Materials | Service Industry |
| Water and Sanitation | Cities and Space |
| Education | Security and Safety |
| Environment and Agriculture | Construction and Infrastructure |
| Job Creation | Knowledge and Technology Exchange |

Abstract submission deadline: October 2, 2020

Notification of acceptance: Rolling until October 9, 2020

Final exhibition submission deadline: October 16, 2020

The Tech Fair is free to university researchers and Start-up ventures

**Cost to SMEs – R 1000; Large enterprises and multinationals – R 10 000**