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**PRESS RELEASE: 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Appropriate Technology (9<sup>th</sup> ICAT)  
PROMOTING TECHNOLOGY TO EMPOWER PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES**

TUT is hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> ICAT with the International Network of Appropriate Technology (INAT) in Pretoria open to a global community through our virtual platforms. The theme is “Technology Exchange and Employment Creation for Community Empowerment: Cross-Pollinating Innovative Models”

One highlight of the 9<sup>th</sup> ICAT is our Technology Fair which will highlight university projects, Start-up enterprises and small businesses that provide products and services engaging in appropriate technologies. [Entering projects in the Fair is easy and free to academics and start-ups.](#) The Fair is open to the public and free of charge.

The 9<sup>th</sup> ICAT Scientific committee reviewed over 150 abstracts and 90 papers from universities, companies and research centres globally. A double-blind review process selected the [best 70 papers to present at the conference.](#) Papers were approved in thirteen categories with particularly strong participation in Green Economy; Energy & Materials; Health; Cities & Space; Construction & Infrastructure and Technology R&D.

The 9<sup>th</sup> ICAT opens the first day with a full day Colloquium for doctoral students and a two day workshop on Appropriate Technology (AT) and medium-scale farming. Both workshops are free to participants. Workshops on - Raspberry Pi programming; socially relevant research; augmented reality programming; indigenous knowledge systems and 3D printing are included with conference registration. Other free special workshops will be offered on 3D printing; Open building and AT and Ethics and AT.

[Keynote presentations will be delivered by leaders in the AT field from Angola, Benin, Brazil, Mauritius, South Africa, Sudan and USA](#)

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