

Invitation



NANOTECHNOLOGY
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Nanotechnology Public Engagement Programme (NPEP)* in conjunction with the CSIR

take pleasure in inviting students, policy makers, industry representatives, scientists/applied researchers, science communication practitioners and the general public, to

A ONE DAY NANOTECHNOLOGY FACILITY TOUR

Date: **Thursday 23 February 2012**

Time: **08:30 for 9:00 – 16:00**

Location: **CSIR, Pretoria**

Venue: **National Centre for Nanostructured Materials**

RSVP: No later than 13 February 2012

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Kindly notify us should you have any special dietary requirements.

Purpose of the Nano Tour

The objectives of this event include creating awareness around nanotechnology; educating the public on, and enhancing their understanding of nanotechnology. It also aims to encourage industry to be involved in the development of nanotechnology and to take the lead in nanotechnology innovation.

The tour will include information hand-outs, a 10-minute audio-visual presentation on nanoscience and nanotechnology, as well as access to nine stations where people can learn more about the various nanostructures created at the facility, and the devices that are used to look at them.

The tour is structured in two parts:

The first being an audiovisual presentation, which aims to familiarise the viewer with the science of nanotechnology, its origins, potential applications and risks. The second, a physical tour, will be conducted in the labs with the aim to encourage engagement with the South African centre and to look for opportunities to support or collaborate with the work done there.

Booking information

The tour is offered free of charge and includes refreshments, lunch and parking for people who sent their RSVPs by the above-mentioned deadline. It is essential to book in order to reserve your seat and for catering purposes.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues, friends and family who might be interested to become part of this event.

For more information regarding the event, contact

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