Call for Papers and Practitioner Contributions

CONTINUUM: Securing Modern Supply Chains

Invitation

THREAT 2026, to be held at The Hotel Sky, Sandton, invites concise academic, practitioner, policy, and industry contributions on the cybersecurity challenges facing modern supply chains.

The 2026 theme, **CONTINUUM: Securing Modern Supply Chains**, recognises that supply chains are no longer only physical systems. They are now deeply digital, data-driven, cross-border, and cyber-physical. Logistics platforms, ports, airports, warehouses, customs systems, fleet systems, payment systems, cloud services, identity platforms, and third-party providers are all part of a continuous risk environment.

We welcome contributions from researchers, cybersecurity professionals, logistics and transport operators, public-sector officials, regulators, consultants, postgraduate students, and industry leaders.

Topics

Submissions may address, but are not limited to:

- Cybersecurity in logistics, transport, maritime, aviation, ports, warehousing, and supply chains.
- Cyber-physical risks in operational technology, IoT, cargo tracking, fleet management, and automated systems.
- Ransomware, fraud, data compromise, disruption, and incident response in supply-chain environments.
- Third-party risk, supplier assurance, cyber governance, compliance, and board accountability.
- Cross-border data, customs systems, trade platforms, cloud services, APIs, and digital infrastructure.
- AI, blockchain, digital twins, zero trust, anomaly detection, and emerging technologies for supply-chain security.
- African, regional, and developing-economy perspectives on supply-chain cyber resilience.

Types of Contributions

THREAT 2026 welcomes:

- Research Papers.
- Professional Insight Papers.
- Poster Submissions.

Research Papers should use the IEEE conference format. Professional Insight Papers should be clear, evidence-informed, reflective, and useful to others. Vendor marketing submissions will not be accepted as papers.

Presentation Model

THREAT does not use standard conference presentation formats.

Papers accepted for presentation will be grouped into thematic roundtables. Each accepted paper author will have **four minutes** to communicate the most important contribution of the paper, followed by facilitated discussion with the panel and audience.

Authors of accepted papers will also be required to provide a tight one-page summary of their paper.

Timeline

Milestone	Date
Call for papers opens	20 May 2026
Submission deadline	31 July 2026
Review period	1–28 August 2026
Notification of acceptance	31 August 2026
Final revised submission deadline	30 September 2026
Programme finalised	7 October 2026
Conference	28–30 October 2026

Proceedings and Submission

Accepted Research Papers and Professional Insight Papers will be considered for inclusion in the official **THREAT 2026 Conference Proceedings**, which will carry an ISBN. The proceedings will be made available digitally, with printed copies available on request.

Full submission guidelines, paper lengths, formatting requirements, review criteria, and submission details will be available on the THREAT website:

www.threatcon.co.za

Academic rigour is welcome. Practitioner insight is essential. Evidence-based contribution is expected.