

## SAPHE CONFERENCE 2025

| SAPHE Proposed Conference Day 1- 5 November 2025 (v3) |  |   |            |   |  |
|---|--|---|------------|---|--|
| Time  | Activity   |   | Venue      | Responsible Individuals   |  |
| 08:00 - 08:45   | Registration   |   | Main venue | Vanessa Gray & Sharlene Vania   |  |
| 08:45 - 09:00   | Welcoming  |   |            | Prof Japie Greeff SAPHE Conference Committee Chair  |  |
| 09:00 - 10:00   | Keynote Speaker: Mr Mahlubi Chief Mabizela (USAf Director: Operations & Sector Support)<br>Topic: Collaboration between the public and private higher education sectors to enhance higher education outcomes in South Africa   |   |            | Programme Director: Dr Janet Viljoen (Boston City Campus)   |  |
| 10:00 - 10:30   | Coffee Break & Networking  |   |            |   |  |
| 10:30 -10:40  | Gold Sponsorship Engagement Activity - Cengage   |   |            | Luthuli   |  |
| 10:40 - 11:50   | Panel discussion: The future of private higher education: Opportunities and challenges   |   | Main venue | Facilitator - Africa Melane   |  |
|   | Panel members: Prof Divya Singh (Stadio), Helen Buhrs (Inscape), Dr Peter Ayuk (Tsiba)   |   |            | Luthuli   |  |
| 12:00 - 12:45   | Lunch & Networking   |   |            |   |  |
| Parallel Session 1                                    | Innovation in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education<br>Session Chair: Esther Martins (Inscape)<br>Venue A: Luthuli   | Technology-based solutions for HE- part of Learning and Teaching<br>Session Chair: TBC<br>Venue B: Gandhi   |            | Library CoP<br>Facilitator: Lianda Coetzer (Akademia)<br>Venue: Khumalo                               |  |
| 12:50 - 13:10   | A reflective practice study on the development of a master of information technology program: A design science research approach<br>Japie Greeff<br>Belgium Campus   | The role of learning analytics in improving teaching effectiveness and student success<br>Amos Anele, Chinedu Okonkwo, Jaques Louw & Yvonne Fayeti<br>Eduvos            |            | Library CoP (attendance for Librarians only)  |  |
| 13:10 - 13:30   | Unlocking the efficiency of international research collaboration: A new benchmarking lens<br>Jonathan Adams, Ross Potter & Dmytro Filchenko<br>Clarivate   | Using student voice to shape online learning: A microsoft forms survey to inform LMS design in a foundation phase mathematics module<br>Bridget Hamilton<br>STADIO      |            |   |  |
| 13:30 - 13:50   | Mediating hard topics in the FET history classroom: A reflexive pedagogical approach for pre-service teachers<br>Lauren Rembach, Marian Baker<br>STADIO  | Integrating AI and machine learning tools in teaching: Opportunities and ethical challenges<br>Chinedu Okonkwo, Amos Anele, Suhayl Asmal, Zamakhwezi Mathonsi<br>Eduvos |            |   |  |
| 13:50 - 14:10   | Elevating strategy and innovation for relevance at a South African private higher education institution<br>Siegle Brownlee, Nyx Mclean<br>Eduvos   | Digital bridges: Exploring the impact of tech-enabled internal communication on learning in higher education<br>Madimeta Bethuel Ramonetha<br>The IIE                   |            |   |  |
| 14:10 - 14:25   | 1) Towards a framework for measuring the performance of private higher education institutions (Poster)<br>Henk de Jager, Mark Bussin, Calvin Mabaso<br>STADIO – 5 mins<br><br>2) Implementing variable templates in numeracy-based online assessments (Poster)<br>Riana Prins, Valentine Muradzika<br>IMM – 5 mins<br><br>3) Preparing South African PHEI managers for AI adoption: An institutional framework (Poster)<br>Chris Mabhele<br>UCT – 5 mins | Redefining Academic pedagogy through mixed realities (AR&VR) in higher education<br>Maritsa Grewe<br>Milpark  |            |   |  |
| 14:25 - 14:40   | Embedding the UN SDGs in higher education through industry collaboration, community engagement & module integration (WIP)<br>Jenna Segal, Merie Sutherland, Dominique Marais, Boitumelo Montshosi, Francisca Arabelle Treurnicht<br>STADIO   | Innovation in learning & teaching in higher education: Bridging technology, pedagogy & equity for future-ready graduates<br>Gezani Given Makaringe<br>The IIE           |            |   |  |
| 14:45 - 14:50   | The formulation of a hybrid work model for private higher education institutions in Gauteng, South Africa (WIP)<br>Thabo Shiba Masekwa<br>STADIO   |   |            |   |  |
| 14:50 - 15:00   | Gold Sponsorship Engagement Activity -Open Collab  |   | Main venue | Luthuli   |  |
| 15:00 - 15:30   | Coffee Break & Networking  |   |            |   |  |
| Session 2   | Workshop   |   | Main venue | Luthuli   |  |
| 15:30 - 16:30   | AI - Your research ally  |   |            | Facilitator - Prof Japie Greeff (Belgium Campus)  |  |
| 16:30 - 17:30   | SAPHE Excellence Awards & cocktail   |   |            | Programme Director – Dr Janet Viljoen (Boston)<br>Facilitator of Awards - Dr Celia Booysse (Akademia) |  |

## SAPHE CONFERENCE 2025

| SAPHE Proposed Conference Day 2- 6 November 2025 (v3) |  |   |  |
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| Time  | Activity   | Venue   | Responsible Individuals                                    |
| 08:00 - 08:45   | Registration   | Main venue  | Vanessa Gray & Sharlene Vania                              |
| 08:45 - 09:00   | Welcoming  |   | Dr Carin Stoltz-Urban SAPHE Chair                          |
| 09:00 - 10:00   | Keynote Speaker: Edward Kieswetter (SARS Commissioner)<br>Topic: The future of higher education in a developing socio-economic context   |   | Programme Director - Dr Janet Viljoen (Boston City Campus) |
| 10:00 - 11:00   | Panel discussion: Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and challenges in higher education  |   | Facilitator: Prof Ben Anderson - Da Vinci Institute        |
|   | Panel members: Prof Cobus Oosthuizen (Boston City Campus), Dr Allan Mutono (Da Vinci Institute),<br>Mr Hoosen Essof (Regent)   |   | Main venue: Luthuli  |
| 11:00 - 11:30   | Coffee Break & Networking  |   |  |
| Parallel Session 1                                    | Building professionals in Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs)<br>Session Chair: Kamini Naidoo (Inscape)<br>Venue A: Luthuli  | Personalised Student Experiences - Engaging Journeys<br>Session Chair: TBC<br>Venue B: Gandhi   |  |
| 11:30 - 11:50   | Partnerships for building leadership capacity for nurse educators in Sub-Saharan Africa<br>Dianne Manning (FPD & UP), Frances Kelly (FPD), Werner Cordier (UP), Abigail Dreyer (PATA), Lianne Keiller (SU), Champion Nyoni (WHO), Jacky van Wyk (UCT), Liz Wolvaardt (UP). | Maximising value and employability: Advocating creativity & creative thinking as enablers of an authentic student journey<br>Andre van der Walt<br>STADIO                             |  |
|   | The Contribution of the PHEIs to the Sustainable Dev goals (SDG)   |   |  |
| 11:50 - 12:10   | AI-enabled access to quality education: A case study of digital transformation at a South African private higher education institution<br>Nyx McLean, Mandi Joubert & Mine de Klerk<br>Eduvos  | The role of the supervisor in the journey of doctorateness<br>Flip Schutte, Emetia Swart<br>STADIO  |  |
| 12:10 - 12:30   | Assessing sustainable development goal 4 metrics within the framework of online higher education: A systematic literature review (WIP)<br>Alfred Hove Mazorodze<br>Belgium Campus  | Success in Distance Learning: A human-centered exploration of engagement, motivation & persistence in South African private higher education<br>Gwyned Peters, Marna Kriel<br>Inscape |  |
| 12:30 - 13:00   |  | Reclaiming the classroom in the global south: Exploring student perspectives on in-venue learning in a blended contact model<br>Esther Venter, Jolanda Morkel<br>STADIO               |  |
| 13:00 - 13:10   | Sponsorship Engagement Activity: Juta  |   |  |
| 13:10-13:15   | Acknowledgment - Van Schaik, Ebsco & Oxford University Press   |   |  |
| 13:15 - 13:20   | Closing remarks and Vote of Thanks: Dr Franzel Du Plooy Cilliers (SAPHE Board Vice-Chair)  |   |  |
| 13:20 - 13:50   | Lunch & Networking   |   |  |
| Session 2   | Workshop   | Main Venue  | Luthuli  |
| 13:50 -15:00  | Quality as intellectual curiosity - Rethinking quality assurance in higher education   |   | Facilitator: Dr Franzel Du-Plooy Cilliers (The IIE)        |
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\*Programme may be subject to change