

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) 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 Session Chair: Esther Martins (Inscape) Venue A: Luthuli	Technology-based solutions for HE- part of Learning and Teaching Session Chair: TBC Venue B: Gandhi	Library CoP Facilitator: Lianda Coetzer (Akademia) 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 <i>Japie Greeff</i> Belgium Campus	The role of learning analytics in improving teaching effectiveness and student success <i>Amos Anele, Chinedu Okonkwo, Jaques Louw & Yvonne Fayeti</i> Eduvos	Library CoP (attendance for Librarians only)
13:10 - 13:30	Unlocking the efficiency of international research collaboration: A new benchmarking lens <i>Jonathan Adams, Ross Potter & Dmytro Filchenko</i> Clarivate	Using student voice to shape online learning: A microsoft forms survey to inform LMS design in a foundation phase mathematics module <i>Bridget Hamilton</i> STADIO	
13:30 - 13:50	Mediating hard topics in the FET history classroom: A reflexive pedagogical approach for pre-service teachers <i>Lauren Rembach, Marian Baker</i> STADIO	Integrating AI and machine learning tools in teaching: Opportunities and ethical challenges <i>Chinedu Oknokwo, Amos Anele, Suhayl Asmal, Zamakhwezi Mathonsi</i> Eduvos	
13:50 - 14:10	Elevating strategy and innovation for relevance at a South African private higher education institution <i>Siegie Brownlee, Nyx Mclean</i> Eduvos	Digital bridges: Exploring the impact of tech-enabled internal communication on learning in higher education <i>Madimetja Bethuel Ramonetha</i> The IIE	
14:10 - 14:25	1) Towards a framework for measuring the performance of private higher education institutions (Poster) <i>Henk de Jager, Mark Bussin, Calvin Mabaso</i> STADIO – 5 mins 2) Implementing variable templates in numeracy-based online assessments (Poster) <i>Riano Prins, Valentine Muradzikwa</i> IMIM – 5 mins 3) Preparing South African PHEI managers for AI adoption: An institutional framework (Poster) <i>Chris Mabhele</i> UCT – 5 mins	Redefining Academic pedagogy through mixed realities (AR&VR) in higher education <i>Maritsa Grewe</i> Milpark	
14:25 - 14:40	Embedding the UN SDGs in higher education through industry collaboration, community engagement & module integration (WIP) <i>Jenna Segal, Merie Sutherland, Dominique Marais, Boltumelo Montshosi, Francisca Arabelle Treurnicht</i> STADIO	Innovation in learning & teaching in higher education: Bridging technology, pedagogy & equity for future-ready graduates <i>Gezani Given Makaringe</i> The IIE	
14:35 - 14:50	The formulation of a hybrid work model for private higher education institutions in Gauteng, South Africa (WIP) <i>Thabo Shiba Maseakwala</i> 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) Facilitator of Awards - Dr Celia Booyse (Akademia)

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SAPHE Proposed Conference Day 2- 6 November 2025 (v3)				
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) 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), 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) Session Chair: Kamini Naidoo (Inscape) Venue A: Luthuli		Personalised Student Experiences - Engaging Journeys Session Chair: TBC Venue B: Gandhi	
	Partnerships for building leadership capacity for nurse educators in Sub-Saharan Africa 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 Andre van der Walt 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 Nyx McLean, Mandi Joubert & Mine de Klerk Eduvos		The role of the supervisor in the journey of doctorateness Flip Schutte, Emetia Swart STADIO	
12:10 - 12:30	Assessing sustainable development goal 4 metrics within the framework of online higher education: A systematic literature review (WIP) Alfred Hove Mazorodze Belgium Campus		Success in Distance Learning: A human-centered exploration of engagement, motivation & persistence in South African private higher education Gwyned Peters, Marna Kriel Inscape	
12:30 - 13:00			Reclaiming the classroom in the global south: Exploring student perspectives on in-venue learning in a blended contact model Esther Venter, Jolanda Morkel 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*