



MANCOSA Quality Conference PROGRAMME

Theme		Curriculum Transformation for Student Success, Innovation and Sustainable Employability				
Programme - Day One						
Date	22 July 2026	Venue	Coastlands Convention Centre, Umhlanga		Time	7h15 - 16:00
07h15 - 08h30	Tea, Registration and Exhibition					
08h30 - 08h40	Prayer and opening		Prof Aradhana Mansingh - Programme Director		Venue: Main Room	
08h45 - 09h00	Welcome		Prof Saritha Beni - Monitoring and Evaluation Director		Venue: Main Room	
09h00 - 09h15	Opening Address		Prof Zaheer Hamid - Chief Academic Officer		Venue: Main Room	
09h15 – 09h20	Introduction of Keynote Speaker		Prof Aradhana Mansingh - Programme Director			
09h15 - 10h00	Keynote Address		Dr Naledi Pandor - Chancellor: Nelson Mandela University Topic: Pan Africanism, Ubuntu and democracy as critical elements of a transformed African higher education system.		Venue: Main Room	
10h00 -10h15	Morning Tea, Exhibition and Networking					
10h20 -10h55	Day One Session One					
	Venue: Room 1		Venue: Room 2		Venue: Room 3	
	Theme 1: Topic: A systematic literature review of Integrating Industry-Driven Practical Training in Academic Curricula to		Theme 1: Topic: Transforming the Curriculum for Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Employability: A		Theme 2: Topic: Student Acceptance and Use of Moodle at a South African University	
					Russia Presentation Theme: 1 Topic: Curriculum transformation through the implementation of Additional	

	Enhance Sustainable Employability in the Fourth Industrial Revolution Authors: Dr. Samuel Bangura Affiliation: Mangosuthu University of Technology Moderator: Dr Janine Upton	Case Study from a South African University Authors: Mr. Siyabonga Mchunu, Mr. Siyabonga Msezane Affiliation: Mangosuthu University of Technology Moderator: Mr Mubeen Seedat	Authors: Ms Kholofelo Mohlaka, Dr Jameson Goto and Prof Geoffrey Lautenbach Affiliation: University of Johannesburg Moderator: Dr Nerolen Soobryan	education programs that are based on research and practical applied knowledge Authors: Prof Stanislav Babitch Affiliation: Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics (UNECON) Moderator: Prof Kiveshni Naidoo
Parallel Session Two				
11h00 -11h35	Venue: Room 1	Venue: Room 2	Venue: Room 3	Venue: Room 4
	Theme 3: Topic: Building Future-Ready Graduates: Examining the Impact of Digital and Financial Literacy on Graduate Capabilities in South African Higher Education Authors: Nwosu, L. I., *Chukwudi, U. P., and Mahlaule, C. Affiliation: North-West University Moderator: Mr Duncan Park	Theme 2: Topic: Institutional Approaches for Doctoral Education: A Comparative Document Analysis of Public and Private Institutions Authors: Dr Priyashini Dhaver, Dr Sharlene-Asia Naicker and Dr Sapna Ramdin Affiliation: MANCOSA Moderator: Dr Janine Upton	Theme 2: Topic: Community-Engaged Mathematics Education: Bridging Theory and Practice in Under-Resourced Schools Authors: Dr. Rajesh Budram Affiliation: MANCOSA Moderator: Ms Azola Luthuli	Theme 3: Topic: Rethinking Tourism Higher Education in the Global South through Micro-Credentials and Open Educational Resources Authors: Mr. Coster Ruzengwe and Ms. Shireen Eraman Affiliation: MANCOSA Moderator: Dr Preenisha Naicker
Parallel Session Three				
11h40 – 12h15	Venue: Room 1	Venue: Room 2	Venue: Room 3	Venue: Room 4
	Theme 1: Topic: Enhancing Graduate Employability through Innovative Curriculum Transformation: Student	Theme 1: Topic: Digital Skills as a Predictor of Graduate Employability	Theme 1: Topic: Trust, Technology, and Academic Integrity in Higher Education Assessments: The Roles of	Theme 3: Topic: Collective Saving as Social Innovation: Student Stokvels and Alternative

	Perspectives in Management Programmes Authors: Ms Nokukhanya Gumede and Mr Siyabonga Nxumalo Affiliation: MANCOSA Moderator: Ms Nuhraan Sambo	Authors: Dr Tessa Reddy and Dr Sandile Mkhize Affiliation: Durban University of Technology Moderator: Mr Sershan Naidoo	Students, Human Invigilators, and Technological Oversight in Quality Assurance. Authors: Mr Gabriel Chipaumire, Mr Tendai Stephen Samusodza and Mr Stephen Maduveko Affiliation: Boston City Campus Moderator: Mr Razack Uddin	Financial Practices in South African Universities Authors: Mr Siyamdumisa Vena Affiliation: Nelson Mandela University Moderator: Mrs Martha Moyo
12h15-13h15	Lunch, Exhibition and Networking			
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Prof Aradhana Mansingh - Programme Director			
13h20-14h05	Keynote Address:	Prof Francios Strydom Topic: Building for Seriti: Curriculum, Quality and Success		Venue: Main Room
14h10 - 15h10	Panel Discussion			
	Panel Discussion Topic: Quality Education as a Driver of Societal Transformation	Chair: Prof Zaheer Hamid	Members: Dr Shaheeda Essack, Dr Naledi Pandor, Dr Rose Masha, Prof Francois Strydom, Mr Rajesh Chandarman	Venue: Main Room
15h15 – 15h30	Exhibitor: Oxford University Press Giveaway			
15h30 – 15h45	Afternoon Tea, Exhibition and Networking			
15h45 – 16h00	Closure: Prof Aradhana Mansingh - Programme Director			