

## MANCOSA Quality Conference PROGRAMME

| Theme              | Curriculum Transformation for Student Success, Innovation and Sustainable Employability                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |                                                                                                                                             |
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| Programme- Day Two |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |                                                                                                                                             |
| Date               | 23 July 2026                                                                                                                                                                       | Venue                                                                                                                                                                 | Coastlands Convention Centre, Umhlanga                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                      | Time             | 7h15 – 16h00                                                                                                                                |
| 07h15 - 08h30      | Tea, Registration and Exhibition                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |                                                                                                                                             |
| 08h30 - 08h45      | Prayer<br>Introduction of Keynote Speaker                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                       | Prof Aradhna Mansingh - Programme Director                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                      | Venue: Main Room |                                                                                                                                             |
| 08h45 - 09h30      | Keynote Address:                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       | Dr Rose Masha:<br>Topic: Reflecting, Renewing and Realigning:<br>Reimagining Curriculum Transformation for a Changing South Africa |                                                                                                                                                                      | Venue: Main Room |                                                                                                                                             |
| 09h30 -09h45       | Morning Tea, Exhibition and Networking                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |                                                                                                                                             |
| 09h50 -10h25       | Parallel Session One                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |                                                                                                                                             |
|                    | Venue: Room 1                                                                                                                                                                      | Venue: Room 2                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                    | Venue: Room 3                                                                                                                                                        |                  | Venue: Room 4                                                                                                                               |
|                    | Theme 2:<br>Online Presentation<br>Topic: Experiential Learning in Finance Education and Its Impact on Student Career Readiness<br>Authors: Ms Khushi J. Shah and Dr Vaishali Ojha | Theme 3:<br>Topic: Embedding AI Awareness into Curriculum Transformation: A Conceptual Framework for Advancing Future-Ready Graduate Capabilities in Higher Education |                                                                                                                                    | Theme 3:<br>Topic: Factors Impacting Curriculum Transformation in Higher Education<br>Authors: Prof Cecile Gerwel Proches and Prof Angela James<br>Affiliation: UKZN |                  | Theme 1:<br>Topic: Teaching the Loop: AI Literacy, Circular Knowledge Production, and Curriculum Ethics<br>Authors: Prof Chatradari Devroop |

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|               | <b>Affiliation:</b> N L Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research, Mira Bhayandar, Maharashtra, India<br><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Nerolen Soobryan                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Authors:</b> Mahlaule C, *Chukwudi U. P. and Nwosu L. I.<br><b>Affiliation:</b> North-West University<br><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Sershan Naidoo                                                                                                                                          | <b>Moderator:</b> Mr Duncan Park                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Affiliation:</b> Tshwane University of Technology<br><b>Moderator:</b> Prof Kiveshni Naidoo                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 10h30 -11h05  | <b>Parallel Session Two</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|               | <b>Theme 2:</b><br><b>Online Presentation</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Co-Creating Value-Building Mutually Beneficial Partnerships for Sustainable Community Engagement in Entrepreneurship<br><b>Authors:</b> Dr Anissa McNeil<br><b>Affiliation:</b> Mental Health and Social Justice Clinic<br><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Rebecca Naidoo | <b>Theme 1:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Designing Transformative Curricula for Student Success and Sustainable Employability<br><b>Authors:</b> Prof Claudia Sigamoney<br><b>Affiliation:</b> Exalt Strategic Consulting – Business and Academic Solutions<br><b>Moderator:</b> Mrs Martha Moyo | <b>Theme 1:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Aligning Higher Education with Local Government skills needs<br><b>Authors:</b> Ms Jaylutchmee Jayram and Ms MaryAnn Kisten<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA<br><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Preenisha Naicker | <b>Theme 1:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Governing The Algorithm: Developing AI Governance and Data Protection Competencies Through Curriculum Transformation<br><b>Authors:</b> Ms Mishka Singh<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA<br><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Janine Upton |
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| 11h10 – 11h45 | <b>Parallel Session Three</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|               | <b>Theme 2:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Multimodal Product Life Cycles in a BANI World: Insights from Michael Jackson<br><b>Authors:</b> Dr Debapriyo Nag and Dr Claudine Hingston<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA                                                                                                                     | <b>Theme 3:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> An Epistemic Africanisation of Doctoral Education in South Africa: Conceptual Gaps and Pan-Epistemic Pedagogics<br><b>Authors:</b> Dr Mfazo Clifford Madondo<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA                                                             | <b>Theme 1:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> A framework to manage work-from-home at South African private higher education institutions<br><b>Authors:</b> Prof Christoff Botha and Dr Nadeem Cassim                                             | <b>Theme 2:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Trapped in a Web of Learning: Constructive Alignment, Simulation-Based Pedagogy, and the Development of Graduate Attributes in Supply Chain Management Education                                                            |

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|               | <b>Moderator: Dr Sharlene Naicker</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Moderator: Ms Nuhraan Sambo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Affiliation:</b> North-West University Business School and REGENT Business School<br><b>Moderator: Ms Lutfiya Adam</b>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Authors:</b> Ms Nikita Reddy-Ramsunder<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA<br><b>Moderator: Mr Duncan Park</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11h45 - 12h45 | <b>Lunch, Exhibition and Networking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 13h00 – 13h45 | <b>JMA Launch – Research Directorate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 13h50 – 14h25 | <b>Parallel Session Four</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|               | <b>Theme 1:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Financial literacy and curriculum transformation for student success: A case study of first year NSFAS-funded students in South Africa<br><b>Authors:</b> Ms Shibe Sekgota and Mr Innocent Mashava<br><b>Affiliation:</b> North-West University<br><b>Moderator: Ms Azola Luthuli</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>Theme 1:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> AI-Enabled Learning in Higher Education: Student Usage Patterns, AI Literacy, and Ethical Awareness<br><b>Authors:</b> Mr Sershan Naidoo and Mr Razack Sheriff Uddin<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA<br><b>Moderator: Dr Sharlene Naicker</b> | <b>Theme 3:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Motivation as a mediator of institutional predictors of academic performance<br><b>Authors:</b> Prof Christo Bisschoff and Dr Adebanji Ayeni<br><b>Affiliation:</b> North-West University Business School<br><b>Moderator: Prof Mfazo Madondo</b> | <b>Theme 2:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Authentic Assessment as a Catalyst for Curriculum Transformation in Mathematics Teacher Education in South Africa<br><b>Authors:</b> Dr Rajesh Budram<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA<br><b>Moderator: Dr Rebecca Naidoo</b> |
| 14h30 – 15h15 | <b>Fireside Chat: MANCOSA School of Public Administration</b><br><b>Theme 1:</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Human-Centred Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education and Public Leadership: Curriculum transformation for Ethical, Inclusive, and Sustainable graduate capabilities<br><b>Authors:</b> Dr Prem Ramlachan, Mr Carl Velusamy, Mr Andile Magquirana, Ms Zandile Mfeka<br><b>Affiliation:</b> MANCOSA<br><b>Moderator: Dr Prem Ramlachan</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15h15 - 15h30 | <b>Afternoon Tea, Exhibition and Networking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15h15 - 15h30 | <b>Exhibitor: Van Schaik Publishers Giveaway</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15h30 – 16h00 | <b>Closing: Vote of Thanks - Prof Kiveshni Naidoo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |