

**2017 SAAIR - Southern African Association for Institutional Research  
SAHELA & SAAIR CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**CONFERENCE THEME: "Rethinking University Engagement in Africa"**

**Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), Hotel School -Windhoek, Namibia**

*"Namibia, the land between two deserts extends a warm welcome to you, our valued Guest."*

TUESDAY - 24 OCTOBER 2017

SESSION DURATION	VENUES		SESSION	Mining Auditorium - (Just Across the NUST Hotel School)		
	START TIME	END TIME				
8 hrs	8:00	16:00		<b>REGISTRATION</b>		
20 mins	8:30	8:50	1	Welcoming Remarks Conference Chairperson : Juanita Frans (NUST)		
25 mins	8:50	9:15	2	Welcome Address by Host Institution Vice Chancellor (VC), Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST): Dr. Tjama Tjivikua Introduced by Juanita Frans		
35 mins	9:20	9:45	3	Official Opening and Keynote Speaker by Host Country Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation: Hon. Dr. Rebecca Ndjoze-Ojo Introduced by the Vice Chancellor (NUST): Dr. Tjama Tjivikua		
35 mins	10:00	10:35	4	<b>"THEME: RETHINKING UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT IN AFRICA"</b> Guest speaker: Dr. Jamil Salmi - Global Tertiary Education Expert Introduced by Dr. Tjivikua (VC NUST)		
10 mins	10:35	10:45		<b>Foto Session on Stairs of Mining Auditorium Building</b>		
25 mins	10:45	11:10		<b>TEA</b>		
SESSION DURATION	VENUES		SESSION	SESSION	MARULA	
	START TIME	END TIME				
					<b>CONFERENCE ROOM</b>	
					<b>WELWITSCHIA &amp; INARA</b>	
					<b>80 PAX</b>	
					<b>70 PAX</b>	
					<b>50 PAX</b>	
			S u b  T		The university - industry - government - civic society nexus:	

			h e m e s	Enhancing graduate attributes through student-led research.		strengthening the quality of research through engagement.		Engaging for excellence and impact.
				Chairperson: Nicky Muller - SAAIR EXCO		Chairperson: Lufuno Netshifhefhe - SAAIR EXCO		Chairperson: Louis Mapatagane - SAAIR EXCO
30 mins	11:15	11:45	5	Multidisciplinary projects overcoming challenges and realising opportunities for students and academics	26	The role of African university researchers as practitioners: Can African intellectuals become catalyst for development and innovation for the African marketplace?	39	The socio-cultural complexities of student Access-Success in an Open Distance Learning (ODL) context: The case of University of South Africa
			P	Joyce Sibeko (UJ)	P	Alina Segobye (NUST)	Siphelo Mapolisa (UNISA)	
30 mins	11:50	12:20	6	Institutional Research Findings in Support of a First-Year Curriculum that Facilitates Academic Success, Enhances Wellness and Well-being, Builds Character and Graduate Attributes, and Creates Flourishing Students and Thriving Student Communities	27	Factors influencing environmental research uptake: Case of Sankuyo, Botswana	40	Rethinking Community Engagement for Excellence and Impact: A Conceptual Framework
			P	Alten du Plessis (Stellenbosch)	p	Olekae Thakadu, Sibongile Babusi, Hesekia Garekai (UNIBOTS)	Kristophina Shilongo, Nkosinotando Mpofo (NUST)	
30 mins	12:25	12:55	7	Evaluation of the efficacy of the academic development intervention programme: a post-intervention test to investigate reasons for attrition in academic level 1	28	The monitoring and evaluation of community engagement activities at universities. The case of the North-West University (Demonstration)		
			P	Moses Mogkolodi Kebalepile (UP)	p	Hendri Coetzee, Werner Nell (NWU)		
55 mins	12:55	13:50	LUNCH					
30 mins	13:55	14:25	8	Essential skills of Namibian Engineers	29	An appreciative enquiry on Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) in selected Multi-Stakeholders Engagement Processes (MSEPs) - community engagement	41	Who's Space is it Anyway? Multidisciplinary responsibilities of Universities in Societal Transformation
			P	Evert Strydom, Samuel John (NUST)	P	Vhonani Netshandama (UNIVEN)	Anicia Peters, Naska Goagoses, Heike Winschiers(NUST)	
30 mins	14:30	15:00	9	Involvement of students in UJ Quality Processes	30	Explorative Analysis of the implications and compliance of the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act in a Open and Distance Learning Programme: Are we there yet?	42	Joint spatial modelling of disease risk using multiple sources: an application on HIV prevalence from antenatal sentinel and demographic and health surveys in Namibia
			P	Mthuzuzeli Vongo (UJ)	p	Matseliso Molapo, Nelson Masindi (UNISA)	Ndirampeba D (NUST), Neema I (NSA), Kazembe LN (UNAM)	
				Reshaping methodologies and techniques for institutional research.				

30 mins	15:05	15:35	10	Engaging students through institutional research	31	The Use of Activity-Oriented Design Methods (AODM) to guide the Design of Mobile APPS for Distance Education students - Case Study of the Namibia University of Science and Technology
			P	Annel Oosthuysen, Sonja Loots (UFS)	p	Leena Kloppers, Joseph Gandanhamo (NUST)
Venue: CONFERENCE ROOM						
30 mins	15:40	16:10	11	Traditional vs Modern Institutional Research Methodologies and Techniques: A Case Study of SATN Universities		
			p	Booyesen Tubulingane (NUST)		
25 mins	16:10	16:35		TEA		
	16:10			Experience "Windhoek" at Leisure!		
				Day 2		



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"A country representing the true character of Africa enhanced by the widespread influence of various European and African settlers that have helped shape its recent history"

SESSION DURATION	VENUES		SESSION	WEDNESDAY - 25 OCTOBER 2017		
	START TIME	END TIME		Venue: Mining Auditorium - (Just Across the NUST Hotel School)		
50 mins	8:30	9:20	12	SAAIR Annual General Meeting (AGM) by President of SAAIR: Dr. Juan-Claude Lemmens Introduced by Juanita Frans (Conference Chairperson)		
10 mins	9:20	9:30	13	"SAAIR - Scholarship and Award Ceremony" by SAAIR EXCO - Nicky Muller		
15 mins	9:30	9:45	14	Exhibitors Show and Tell - Quantum Solutions by Philip Wyse and Kevin Bender		
15 mins	9:45	10:00	15	Exhibitors Show and Tell - adaptIT by Hanlie Spangenberg		
			16	Book Launch "Using Evidence to Promote Student Success" by Francois Strydom, George Kuh, and Sonja Loots (University of the Free State -UFS) Introduced and Presented by Prof. Francois Strydom (UFS)		
TEA						

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	START TIME	END TIME		180 PAX		70 PAX
			S u b T h e m e s	Engaging for excellence and impact.		Sustainable leadership in relation to data-driven decision making.
				Chairperson: - Masego Mabaso (UNIVEN)		Chairperson: Hannelore Olivier - School of Design
30 mins	10:55	11:25	17	Building a predictive model to enhance students' self-driven engagement	32	Moving towards a more 'digitised' teaching environment: ICT acceptance and experiences of IODL staff
			P	Moletsane Moletsane, Ms Lana Hen-Boise (UFS)	P	Dion van Zyl, Hanlie Liebenberg (UNISA)
30 mins	11:25	11:55	18	Communities as educational collaboration partners: Experiences and reflections on University-Community Engagements in the Faculty of Computing and Informatics at NUST	33	Enabling Access and Success through financial engagement: A Case Study of Durban University of Technology
			P	Heike Winschiers - Theophilus, Gereon Koch Kapuire, Colin Stanley (NUST)	P	Kudayja Parker, Nicky Muller, Prabashnee Kisten (DUT)
30 mins	11:55	12:25	19	Open Distance Learning and the Virtually Impaired Student: A UNISA Case Study	34	Academic Programme Tracking: An Affordable Solution
			P	Lerato Sonia Tladi (UNISA)	P	Annamarie Meyer, Meagan Strydom, Sandra van Heerden (UJ)
30 mins	12:25	12:55	20	Machine learning in Action: Unpacking the Biographical Questionnaire University	35	The University as an agent for sound sustainable e decision making: Examples from Namibia
			P	Innocent Mamvura (WITS)	P	Carlos de Wasseige, Morgan Hauptfleisch (NUST)
30 mins	12:55	13:25	21	A triangulated engagement strategy for curriculum enhancement: A case study of the Faculty of Accounting and Informatics (FAI), DUT	36	Decolonization of Education: Exploring a new praxis for sustainable development
			P	Esther Joubert (DUT)	P	Chinaza Uleanya, Yasmin Rugbeer, Sunday Olaniran (UZ)
55 mins	13:25	14:20		LUNCH		
3 hrs	14:20	18:30	F2	Bus departure for Game drive and Networking - Theme "Safari" Venue: Okapuka Game Ranch		

3hrs	19:00	22:00	F3	<b>Networking Dinner</b> Venue: Joe's Beer House
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Day 3

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### Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), Hotel School - Windhoek, Namibia

SESSION DURATION	VENUES		SESSION	THURSDAY - 26 OCTOBER 2017		
	START TIME	END TIME				
				Venue: Mining Auditorium - (Just Across the NUST Hotel School)		
50 mins	8:30	9:20	22	"The impact of integrating engagement data collection into University processes" by Prof. Kenneth Matengu (University of Namibia) Introduced by Juanita Frans (Conference Chairperson)		
55 mins	9:25	10:20	23	<b>Panel Discussion - Business as Un(usual): South African Higher education after two decades of democracy</b> By Matseliso Paleso Molapo, Hanlie Liebenberg, Siphelo Mapolisa, Elizabeth Archer (UNISA) Moderated by Dr. Matseliso Paleso Molapo (UNISA)		
25 mins	10:25	10:50		TEA		
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	START TIME	END TIME		80 PAX		70 PAX
				<b>Reshaping methodologies and techniques for institutional Research</b>		
				Chairperson: ( Nicky Muller - SAAIR EXCO)		Chairperson: Indepentia Dewaldt (SAAIR LOC)
30 mins	10:55	11:25	24	Methodology and processes; A case study of the Graduate Exit Survey in the University of Free State	37	Action research to transform teaching at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) through the Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Educaiton programme: Is it possible?
			P	Mathole Macwele, , Innocent Mangena, Enna Moroeroe (UFS)	p	Katherine Carter, Geoffrey Shakwa (NUST)
30 mins	11:30	12:00	25	Tackling research output and uptake in a University	38	Breaking down the silos: Working together for student success
			P	Liile Lerato Lekena (TUT)	p	Marian Neale-Schute, Qobo Qwaka, Andrea Watson, Kim Hurter, Andrea Watson (NMMU)
	12:05			Venue: Mining Auditorium - (Just Across the NUST Hotel School)		
30 mins	12:05	12:35	43	"Closing Remarks" - Dr. Tjama Tjivikua Vice-Chancellor of the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST)		

25 mins	12:40	13:05	44	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Vote of Thanks"</b> By Juanita Frans - Conference Chairperson</p>
55 mins	13:05	14:00		<b>Lunch</b>
<p><b>Conference closes after Lunch at 14:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2017</b></p> <p>Thank you for attending the 24th SAAIR Conference and we look forward to welcoming you to the Durban University of Technology (DUT), for the 25th SAAIR Conference 2018</p> <p><i>We wish you safe travels on your journey home!</i></p>				