

BIKS INDUCTION WORKSHOP 2022

The Department of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Heritage Studies hosts the Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (BIKS) which is a four-year professional degree. BIKS is interdisciplinary, intra-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary in nature thus making it unique and relevant in the current discourse of African Renaissance, decolonization, transformation, and cultural diversity. The BIKS is categorised into four streams; Health, Agriculture, Science and Technology (Innovation), and Arts and Culture.

Since its existence, the department of Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage Studies is hosting its first students' induction workshop with different stakeholders that offer IKS in their workplace. The workshop is aimed at raising awareness among students who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (BIKS). This induction will expose students to issues pertaining to IKS and its relevance in the community and the society at large. It will also provide insight on career opportunities in the IKS field. The department has invited the following professionals in the IKS field:

Dr Motheo Koitsiwe

Dr Motheo Koitsiwe is the first African indigenous scholar to have completed successfully the IKS PhD thesis in African indigenous astronomy (*bolepa - dinaledi*) of Batswana in Botswana and South Africa. He is currently appointed as the Director of Indigenous Knowledge Systems Centre (IKS Center), Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (FNAS), North - West University (NWU).

Dr Koitsiwe is a qualified indigenous knowledge systems lecturer, researcher and supervisor of IKS postgraduate students (M & D). He is a registered Post-Doctoral Fellow at the DSI - NRF South African Research Chair in Ocean Cultures and Heritage, Faculty of Humanities, University of Nelson Mandela, Port Elizabeth. His Postdoc fellowship host is Professor Rose Boswell (PhD Anthropology) at Nelson Mandela University. Dr Koitsiwe was the first coordinator of the Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge Systems which is a four (04) years professional degree registered with the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) and approved by the Council for Higher Education (CHE). He has done and continue to conduct indigenous research with indigenous astronomy experts, African indigenous health practitioners, traditional leaders, researchers, scientists and various government departments as one of the strategies to promote African Indigenous Knowledge Systems (AIKS). Dr Koitsiwe has worked in collaboration with the Department of Science and Innovation in projects such as Recognition of Prior Learning, Indigenous Knowledge Systems EXPOs, Indigenous Knowledge Act Public Awareness Campaign and Biocultural Community Protocols. Dr Koitsiwe has published in accredited journals, attended national and international conferences. His current focus is on developing African Indigenous Languages, Heritage, Arts, Culture, Indigenous Astronomy, to establish the International Indigenous Astronomy Experts Society, a cadre of IKS Ambassadors, institutionalization of IKS and development of the Consortium on IKS at North-West University. He is also working with the like-minded to develop Short Learning Course in African indigenous entrepreneurship, arts, culture, heritage, museum, library and archives. He is also currently working with the Department of Higher Education and Training, Science and Innovation and the Service SETA to identify the career opportunities for IKS graduate coming from North - West University and University of Venda.



Ms Mufamadi is the Chief Executive Officer of Freedom Park which is one of the most familiar heritage sites in the world. Jane graduated with a Masters' Degree in Psychology from the University and is currently busy with her PhD in African Studies. Prior to this, Jane previously held different positions within Freedom Park such as the Head of Department Heritage and Knowledge, Departmental Head of Incubation and Innovation in the CEO' Office and Coordinator of special projects. She has served as member of the South African Geographical names council and later became the Deputy Chairperson. Jane worked as a Junior Lecturer at the Department of Psychology and later as a Director and senior lecturer for the center of Indigenous Knowledge Systems at the University of Venda. Jane has done extensive research and has worked closely with traditional Healer, Traditional Leaders and other Indigenous Knowledge practitioner from diverse South African Communities. She has travelled extensively over the world to understand and draw lessons from

cultural experiences of other African countries and the Diaspora. She has published in both accredited journal, book chapters and various articles.



Sechaba Bareetseng is currently the CSIR IKS (Indigenous Knowledge Systems) Manager and holds a PhD in Microbiology, Master of Management in Innovation Studies, and Management Advanced Programme (Business Development and Management Principles), and holds several certificates, such as advanced intellectual property management and bioentrepreneurship. He is responsible for research, community and industry engagements and resource mobilisation for the Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) within the CSIR Advanced Agriculture and Food cluster, and currently managing a portfolio of projects and programs on IKS research, development and

commercialisation which are funded by the South Africa's national government (through its STI agencies) and international organisations, such as the UNDP.

Sechaba Bareetseng is currently an affiliated Associate Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Biochemistry at the University of the Free State and an IKS Extraordinary Senior Lecturer within the NWU Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. He is currently supervising and co-supervising Master and PhD students on IKS through NWU.



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Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge Systems 2022 BIKS Students Induction

Date: 06 May 2022

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Program Facilitator: Mr AE Budeli		
09h00	Opening	
09h05-09h15	Welcome and Purpose	Adv. Dr P.E Matshidze
09h15-09h30	Setting the Scene	Dr TJ Madima
09h30-10h00	Experiences and Reflections by Former Students (UNIVEN & NWU)	
	Induction to IKS by Stakeholders	
10h00-10h45	North West University	Dr M Koitsiwe
10h45-11h00	Questions and Comments	
11h00-11h45	Freedom Park	Ms J Mufamadi
11h45-12h00	Questions and Comments	
12h00-12h45	CSIR	Prof S Bareetseng
12h45-13h00	Questions and Comments	
13h00-13h:30	CSIR Young researchers	CSIR
13h30-14h00	Importance of WIL and Career opportunities in IKS	Mr TJ Makhanikhe
15h00-15h05	Vote of Thanks and Announcement	Dr M Raphalalani
Closure		