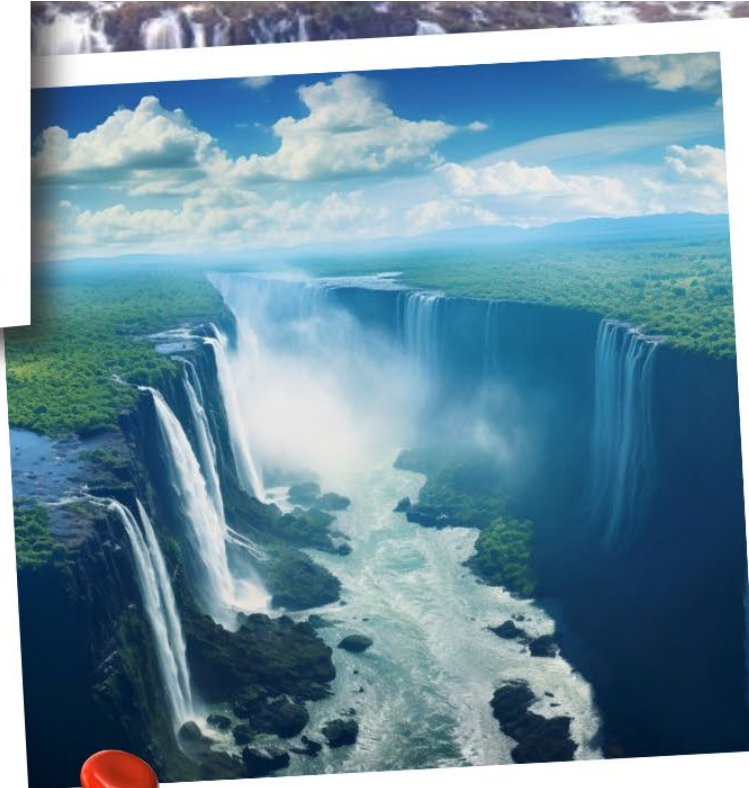




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# Joint International Research Conference

**PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

**06-07 March , 2025**

07 March 2025

Programme Directors: Mr Mlaleli Nsikani, Research and Innovation Officer & Mr Thabo Dikgale, Manager: Internationalisation,  
University of Venda

Time	Topic/Title	Presenter
0830-0845	Recap of the Day	Prof Lutendo Murulana, Deputy Dean Research and Post Graduate Studies, University of Venda
0845-0910	Reimagining Higher Education as a Catalyst for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Industrialisation in Africa	Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director, Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) Universities South Africa
0910-0925	Question and Answers session	All
0925-0935	Working Tea/Coffee	

Theme: Innovation and Technology Transfer in Higher Education & Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Development

Session 3 @ Indaba Conference Centre

Time	Topic/Title	Presenter/Authors	Chairperson/ Facilitator
0940-0955	Promoting Technology Transfer between Tertiary Institutions and Industries (Case study of Mutare Polytechnic)	Judith Sigauke <sup>1</sup> , Rudo Nyandima Zengeya <sup>2</sup> Mutare Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	Mr M Sibanda Bulawayo Polytechnic, Zimbabwe
0955-1010	Bridging the Skills Gap: An examination of academic programmes in aligning to the ever-changing industrial needs of South Africa	Rankakane NP and Morwe KG University of Venda, South Africa	
1010-1025	Commercialisation of Innovations: A Case study of Kwekwe Polytechnic	Christina Moyo and Theresa Mberikwazvo Kwekwe Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	
1025-1040	University Business collaborations	Dr. Simbarashe Kativhu & Prof. Vhonani Netshandama University of Venda, South Africa	
1040-1055	Exploring the Impact of Entrepreneurial Training on Women's Economic Empowerment in Gweru Urban Townships	Ophilia Nhunge Gweru Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	

Theme: Higher Education's Role in Industrialisation, Quintuple Public-Private Partnerships for Economic Growth

Session 4 @ Break Away room 1

Time	Topic/Title	Presenter/Authors	Chairperson/ Facilitator
0940-0955	The Role of Higher Education in Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Industrialisation	Tafadzwa V Sampindi Mutare Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	Prof Lutendo Murulana, University of Venda, South Africa
0955-1010	Fostering global citizenship through social entrepreneurship in higher education The Implementation of Innovation and Industrialisation in Zimbabwean Tertiary Institutions	Lefera M and Ndlovu C Central University of Technology, South Africa	
1010-1025	Assessing the state of inclusivity preparedness in TVET Institutions; Perspectives and Experiences of one TVET Institution in Manicaland	Pretty Chibangwa, Mutare Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	
1025-1040	Unlocking Economic Potential: The Synergy of Community, Industry and Technical Education for Sustainable Development: A Case of Bulawayo Polytechnic	Leonard Ruvengo Bulawayo Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	
1040-1055	Biogas Production from Edible oil Production Waste	Sigauke, P; Mamvura,T; Danha, G Manicaland State University, Zimbabwe	

Theme: Higher Education for Sustainable Development

Session 3 @ Break Away room 2

Time	Topic/Title	Presenter/Authors	Chairperson/ Facilitator
0940-0955	Redesigning Engineering TVET curriculum in order to meet the demands of a green economy. The case of three TVET institutions in Zimbabwe	Dr Richard Nyika and Febbie Muzenda Gweru Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	Ms L. Moyo, Bulawayo Polytechnic, Zimbabwe
0955-1010	The Role of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in Advancing Climate Change Awareness and Research in Manicaland	Simbarashe Chahweta Mutare Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	

1010-1025	Standardising Framework for the Ethical Use of AI Tools in higher education: Promoting Cognitive Development and Upholding Academic Integrity- Implications for policy and proactive consideration	Tshilidzi Diana Negota and Prof Lufuno Makhado University of Venda, South Africa	
1025-1040	Utilization Of Brewer's Spent Yeast As A Nutritional And Functional Additive In Burger Patties	Damascus Masawi, Soloman Manyere and Barabra Mashingaidze, Harare Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	
1040-1055	Gender and Technology	Shelta Majowa, Harare Polytechnic, Zimbabwe	

#### Closing Plenary Session @ Indaba Conference Centre

Time	Topic/Title	Presenter	Chairperson/ Facilitator
1105-1120	The Art of Translating Research Results into Products, Goods and Services	Prof J. M. Chifamba University of Zimbabwe-ADRIC, Zimbabwe	Dr Takalani Dzaga, Director: Marketing, Branding and Communication, University of Venda, South Africa
1120-1130	Question and Answers session	All	
1130-1135	Reflections by the Joint Conference Chairperson	Mr. D. Mhlanga Vice Principal, Training and Coordination	
1135-1145	Research/ Academic Awards	Ms L Moyo and Ms N Ntakana Bulawayo Polytechnic & University of Venda	Mr D Mhlanga Joint Organising Committee Chairperson
1145-1155	Way Forward: Bulawayo Polytechnic and University of Venda Joint International Research Conference	Professor B. Nthambeleni, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Venda	
1155-1205	Joint International Research Conference Closing Remarks	Mrs C. Masanganise Principal, Bulawayo Polytechnic	
1205-1240	Lunch		
1300-1500	Excursion-Visit to the Mosi O Tunya		
1530-1830	Sunset Cruise on the Mighty Zambezi - The Sundowner		