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WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2019		
Pre-conference workshops		
08:00 – 11:30	Student success (participation by invitation only)	HELM (participation by invitation only)
Conference		
10:30 – 11:45	Registration	Tea and coffee on arrival
12:00 – 12:15	Opening and welcome: Prof Thandwa Mthembu, Vice-Chancellor: Durban University of Technology and Chairperson: Universities South Africa Board of Directors	Venue
12:15 – 13:00	Opening keynote address: Speaker to be confirmed.	Venue
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Venue
14:00 – 14:30	Plenary 1: <i>South Africa's Adventures into Open Access</i> Speakers: Prof Ahmed Bawa, CEO: USAf Dr Molapo Qhobela, CEO: National Research Foundation	Venue
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary 2: <i>New priorities for the CHE for the MTSF period</i> Speaker: Prof Narend Baijnath, CEO: Council on Higher Education	
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon tea	Venue



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<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Session A</b> Venue <i>Ethics and integrity in research publishing</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Dr Molapo Qhobela</b>, CEO: NRF <b>Prof Stephanie Burton</b>, Vice-Principal: Research and Postgraduate Education, University of Pretoria</p>	<p><b>Session B</b> Venue <i>New Technologies and the Labour Market</i> (provisional)</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Dr Surendra (Colin) Thakur</b>, Director: NEMISA KZN e-Skills CoLab, Durban University of Technology More speakers to be confirmed</p>	<p><b>Session C</b> Venue <i>Transformation by design – Staff and Student Centrist as ‘architectural’ principles of social justice change in universities</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> To be confirmed</p>
<b>17:30 – 19:00</b>	<b>Welcome reception</b>		<b>Venue</b>



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THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019

08:30 – 09:30	<b>Plenary 3: Post-school Education and Training System Plan</b> (to be confirmed) <b>Speaker: DHET</b>		<b>Venue</b>
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Session D</b> Venue <b><i>The production of Institutional Culture in South African Universities and the limits of transformation</i></b> <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof André Keet</b> , Chair of Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation: Nelson Mandela University <b>Prof Pamela Dube</b> , Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Student Development and Support, University of the Western Cape <b>Mr George Mvalo</b> , Director: Social Justice and Transformation, Vaal University of Technology	<b>Session E</b> Venue <b><i>Infrastructure for a growing and evolving sector</i></b> <b>Speakers:</b> To be confirmed	<b>Session F</b> Venue <b><i>From gatekeepers to gateways: the opportunities and challenges of high risk courses</i></b> <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Francois Strydom</b> , Senior Director: Academic, Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of the Free State More speakers to be confirmed
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Morning tea</b>		<b>Venue</b>



<p><b>11:30 – 13:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session G</b> Venue <b><i>Repositioning graduates as the creators of work</i></b> (provisional)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Keolebogile Motaung</b>, Assistant Dean: Postgraduate Studies, Research, Innovation and Engagement, Faculty of Science, Tshwane University of Technology <b>Prof Sibusiso Moyo</b>, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Engagement, Durban University of Technology <b>Mr Stuart Hendry</b>, Convenor of Genesis Project: Applied Management, Faculty of Commerce, University of Cape Town</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session H</b> Venue <b>Higher Education funding</b> (title to follow)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Dr Vimal Ranchod</b>, Chief Research Officer: Southern Africa Labour and Research Unit, University of Cape Town</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session I</b> Venue <b><i>Remaking the University – Transformative Engagement as Embedded Practice in Local Contexts</i></b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> To be confirmed</p>
<p><b>13:00 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>14:00 – 14:30</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary 4:</b> <b><i>Developing the Capacity of Early Career Researchers</i></b> (provisional) <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Dr Joanna Newman</b>, Chief Executive and Secretary General: Association of Commonwealth Universities</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>14:30 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary 5:</b> <b><i>Profiles, Partnerships, Problem-solving: reconfiguring university-society relationships in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</i></b> <b>Speaker: Prof Peter Maassen</b>, Professor in Higher Education Studies: University of Oslo, Norway</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>15:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon tea</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue</b></p>



<p><b>16:00 – 17:30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session J</b> Venue <i>Imagining the exponential and entrepreneurial university of the 21<sup>st</sup> century</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Bavesh Kana</b>, Centre of Excellence for Biomedical TB Research, University of the Witwatersrand More speakers tbc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session K</b> Venue <i>Technology in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education: A futuristic view</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Prof Paul Prinsloo</b>, Research Professor: Department of Business Management, University of South Africa</p> <p><b>Respondents:</b> <b>Prof Willie Chinyamurindi</b>, Associate Professor: Department of Business Management, University of Fort Hare <b>Mr Mike Swanepoel</b>, Coordinator: Interdisciplinary Studies &amp; Lecturer: Graphic Design, Department of Applied Design, Nelson Mandela University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session L</b> Venue <i>Work Integrated Learning &amp; Internships: moving from a gravel road to a highway for reinvention</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Dr Henri Jacobs</b>, Deputy Director: Work Integrated Learning and Skills Development, Central University of Technology <b>Dr Jeanette du Plessis</b>, Central University of Technology More speakers tbc</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Prof Chris Winberg</b>, Research Chair: Work Integrated Learning, Cape Peninsula University of Technology <b>Dr Roelien Brink</b>, Senior Lecturer: Department of Applied Information Management, University of Johannesburg</p>
<p><b>18:00 – 21:00</b></p>	<p><b>Conference dinner</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue</b></p>

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019

08:30 – 09:20	<b>Plenary 6:</b> <b>Title:</b> To be confirmed <b>Speaker: Prof Paul Zeleza</b> , Vice-Chancellor: United States International University – Africa, Nairobi, Kenya		Venue
09:20 – 10:50	<b>Session M</b> Venue <b><i>The State of Higher Education, Science &amp; Innovation</i></b> (provisional)  <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Prof Johann Mouton</b> , Professor and Director: Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology, University of Stellenbosch <b>Reflection:</b> To be confirmed	<b>Session N</b> Venue <b><i>Curriculum for the Future</i></b>  <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Ylva Rodny-Gumede</b> , Senior Director: Internationalisation, University of Johannesburg More to be confirmed	<b>Session O</b> Venue <b><i>Student funding – past, present, future</i></b>  <b>Speakers:</b> To be confirmed
10:50 – 11:10	Morning tea		Venue
11:10 – 12:10	<b>Plenary 7:</b> <b><i>The Impact of the New, Integrated Technologies on Higher Education's Future</i></b> (provisional)  <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Tshilidzi Marwala</b> , Vice-Chancellor: University of Johannesburg <b>Prof Derrick Swartz</b> , former Vice-Chancellor: Nelson Mandela University		Venue
12:10 – 12:40	<b>Plenary 8:</b> <b>Title:</b> To be confirmed <b>Speaker: Prof Chris Brink</b> , Emeritus Vice-Chancellor: Newcastle University, United Kingdom		Venue
12:40 – 13:00	Conference closure		Venue
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch and departure		Venue