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**FURTHER UPDATED DRAFT** PROGRAMME V4 – 20 September 2019

**This programme is subject to further change and will be updated regularly**

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2019		
Pre-conference workshops		
08:00 – 11:30	<b>Student success</b> (participation by invitation only)	<b>HELM</b> (participation by invitation only)
Conference		
10:30 – 11:45	Registration	Tea and coffee on arrival
12:00 – 12:15	<b>Opening and welcome:</b> Prof Thandwa Mthembu, Vice-Chancellor: Durban University of Technology and Chairperson: Universities South Africa Board of Directors	Venue
12:15 – 13:00	<b>Opening keynote address:</b> Speaker to be confirmed.	Venue
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Venue



<p><b>14:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session A</b> Venue <b><i>Ethics and integrity in research publishing</i></b></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 <b><i>New Technologies and the Labour Market</i></b> (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 <b><i>The production of Institutional Culture in South African Universities and the limits of transformation</i></b></p> <p><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>Ms Khuselwa Kafu</b>, Student: Hons Development Studies, University of the Western Cape <b>Mr George Mvalo</b>, Director: Social Justice and Transformation, Vaal University of Technology</p>
<p><b>15:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p>Afternoon tea</p>		<p><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>16:00 – 16:30</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary 1:</b> <b><i>South Africa's Adventures into Open Access</i></b> <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Ahmed Bawa</b>, CEO: USAf <b>Dr Molapo Qhobela</b>, CEO: National Research Foundation</p>		<p><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>16:30 – 17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary 2:</b> <b><i>New priorities for the CHE for the MTSF period</i></b> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Prof Narend Bajnath</b>, CEO: Council on Higher Education</p>		<p><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>17:30 – 19:00</b></p>	<p>Welcome reception</p>		<p><b>Venue</b></p>



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THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019

08:30 – 09:30	<b>Plenary 3:</b> Post-school Education and Training System Plan (to be confirmed)		Venue
	Speaker: DHET		
09:30 – 11:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session D</b> Venue</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>From gatekeepers to gateways: the opportunities and challenges of high risk courses</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Francois Strydom</b>, Senior Director: Academic, Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of the Free State <b>Dr André van Zyl</b>, Director: Academic Development Centre, University of Johannesburg <b>Ms Tsitsi Mpofu-Mkweta</b>, PhD candidate, University of Cape Town</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session E</b> Venue</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Student funding – past, present, future</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Philippe Burger</b>, Pro Vice-Chancellor: Poverty, Inequality and Economic Development, University of the Free State <b>Ms Chantyl Mulder</b>, Co-CEO, Ikusasa Student Financial Aid Programme (ISFAP) <b>Mr Simon Trupp</b>, Co-CEO, ISFAP More to be confirmed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session F</b> Venue</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Transformation by design – Staff and Student Centrism as ‘architectural’ principles of social justice change in universities</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Mr Jerome September</b>, Dean: Student Affairs, University of the Witwatersrand More to be confirmed</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Morning tea		Venue



<p><b>11:30 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session G</b> Venue <b><i>Repositioning graduates as the creators of work</i></b> (provisional)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <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><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><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 <b>Prof Crain Soudien</b>, CEO, Human Sciences Research Council</p>
<p><b>13:00 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>		<p><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: Dr Joanna Newman</b>, Chief Executive and Secretary General: Association of Commonwealth Universities</p>		<p><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>14:30 – 15:00</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><b>Venue</b></p>
<p><b>15:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary 6:</b> <b><i>Designing a Higher Education system for the future: Optimising the role of Private Higher Education to enhance open access</i></b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Alwyn Louw</b>, President, IIE MSA <b>Dr Linda Meyer</b>, Dean: Institutional Advancement, Boston City Campus and Business College <b>Prof Bennie Anderson</b>, CEO, The Da Vinci Institute</p>		
<p><b>15:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon tea</b></p>		<p><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 <b>Prof Brian Armstrong</b>, Adjunct Professor: Graduate School of Business Administration, 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 <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 <b>Mr Gideon Potgieter</b>, CEO, Resolution Circle More speakers tbc <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	<p><b>Plenary 6:</b> <i>The Challenges and Opportunities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution for African Universities</i>  <b>Speaker: Prof Paul Zeleza</b>, Vice-Chancellor: United States International University – Africa, Nairobi, Kenya</p>		Venue
09:20 – 10:50	<p><b>Session M</b> Venue <i>The State of Higher Education Research in South Africa today</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Prof Johann Mouton</b>, Professor and Director: Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology, University of Stellenbosch</p> <p><b>Reflection:</b> <b>Prof Rasigan Maharajh</b>, Chief Director: Institute for Economic Research on Innovation, Tshwane University of Technology</p> <p><b>Prof Refilwe Phaswana-Mafuya</b>, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Innovation, North-West University More to be confirmed</p>	<p><b>Session N</b> Venue <i>Curriculum for the Future</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Ylva Rodny-Gumede</b>, Senior Director: Internationalisation, University of Johannesburg</p> <p><b>Prof Vasudhevan Reddy</b>, Dean: Faculty of Humanities, University of Pretoria</p> <p><b>Prof Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni</b>, Head: Archie Mafeje Research Institute and Full Professor: Development Studies, University of South Africa</p>	<p><b>Session O</b> Venue <i>Infrastructure for a growing and evolving sector</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> To be confirmed <b>Mr Thato Lehutso</b>, Senior Manager: Business Processes, WitsICT, University of the Witwatersrand</p>
10:50 – 11:10	Morning tea		Venue
11:10 – 12:10	<p><b>Plenary 7:</b> <i>The Impact of the New, Integrated Technologies on Higher Education's Future</i> (provisional)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof Tshilidzi Marwala</b>, Vice-Chancellor: University of Johannesburg <b>Prof Derrick Swartz</b>, former Vice-Chancellor and Principal: Nelson Mandela University</p>		Venue
12:10 – 12:40	<p><b>Plenary 8:</b> <i>Beyond Engagement: the idea of Responsiveness</i>  <b>Speaker: Prof Chris Brink</b>, Emeritus Vice-Chancellor: Newcastle University, United Kingdom</p>		Venue



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12:40 – 13:00	Conference closure	Venue
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch and departure	Venue

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