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DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 08 SEPTEMBER 2026

07:30 - 08:30	Registration / Refreshments
08:30 - 08:40	Conference Chair Prof Muntuwenkosi Chili (Executive Director CAD)
08:40 - 09:00	Welcome Dr Mukondeleli Grace Kanakana- Katumba (DVC Teaching and Learning)
09:00 - 09:20	Presentation Mr Luxolo Rubushe (Group Managing Director Adapt IT)
09:20 - 10:10	Keynote Presentation Ms Phindiwe Kamolane (Senior Lecturer and AI Governance Researcher University of South Africa)
10:10 - 10:40	Mid-Morning Break – Foyer
10:40 - 11:00	Presentation Dr Azwy Chris Tshivhase (Acting Vice-Principal: Teaching Learning Community Engagement University of South Africa)
11:00 - 11:50	Keynote Presentation Prof Nyna Amin (Director Teaching and Learning University of Kwa-Zulu Natal)
11:50 - 12:20	Panel discussion- “Reimagining Teaching and Learning for the Future: From Artificial Intelligence to Human-Centred Student Success.” Dr Mukondeleli Grace Kanakana- Katumba; Mr Luxolo Rubushe; Ms Phindiwe Kamolane; Dr Azwy Chris Tshivhase; Prof Nyna Amin Facilitator: Mr Nkosinathi Hlongwane (Adapt IT)
12:20 - 12:30	Presentation PPS
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch

Parallel Sessions

	ORYX Hall Session Chair: Dr H Venter	ORYX-1 Room Session Chair: Dr T Erasmus	ORYX-2 Room Session Chair by: Mr M Phafane
13:20 – 13:40	Ms Ronelle Prinsloo Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Legal and Ethical Implications for Teaching, Assessment, and Academic Integrity Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/2eplr1l	Mr Hendrik Prinsloo Procedural Fairness in University Decision-Making: A Legal Framework for Inclusive and Ethical Governance Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://l1nq.com/jrsxyto	Mr Moeketsi Mashiloane Customary Law and Legal Education: Integrating Plural Legal Systems into Teaching and Learning Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://l1nq.com/5lxx6dl
13:40 – 14:00	Dr Vuyani Langa Reimagining South African Universities: Humanising Pedagogy, Curriculum Decolonisation, and Epistemic Justice Institution Name: Walter Sisulu University https://sl1nk.com/etjzemt	Dr Vuyani Langa Reimagining South African Universities: Humanising Pedagogy, Curriculum Decolonisation, and Epistemic Justice Institution Name: Walter Sisulu University https://sl1nk.com/etjzemt	Dr Sithembiso Govuzela How Digital Transformation Can Be Leveraged to Overcome Barriers and Foster Innovation in Teaching, Learning, and Administration within South African Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/mxtdgyj
14:00 – 14:20	Mr Muraga Sadiki The impact of digital learning technologies on closing foundational Mathematical learning Gaps at University of Technology in South Africa: A quantitative study Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/z1nd64b	Ms Lerato Matebesi & Ms Cornelia Tessendorf Preparing Fashion Graduates for Sustainable Futures: Reimagining Sustainability Education for the Future of Work Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/hrj3k2g	Mr Teboho Bojabotseha Managerialism and the Corporate University: An analysis of the impact of state-driven metrics and commercialisation on institutional autonomy, academic freedom and knowledge production in a UoT Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/j4d8tn9
14:20 – 14:40	Dr Vuyo Seti-Sonamzi De-centring to Re-centre: A Decolonial Curriculum as a just cause Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://l1nq.com/7k2cwfk	Dr Ajuma Walusa, Dr Lifutso Tshepe & Mr Sithembiso Malindisa Reimagining higher education transformation: Integrating inclusivity and student well-being into sustainable curriculum design Institution Name: University of Free State https://l1nq.com/62lbudh	Ms Zandile Maxhalanga Critical Success Factors to Transform Student Retention Through Predictive Analytics in Higher Education Institution Name: University of Fort Hare https://l1nq.com/hx1qd20
14:40 – 15:00	Tea Break – Foyer		

	ORYX Hall Session Chair: Ms N Khumalo	ORYX-1 Room Session Chair: Mr N Kotze	ORYX-2 Room Session Chair: Dr O Ndlovu
15:00–15:20	Dr Johannes Dirane Assessing Lecturer Evaluation Outcomes in Semester 2 (2025) as a Mechanism for Quality Enhancement at a University of Technology. Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/yb89k2k	Dr Sizakele Ndlovu Advancing a Decolonial Framework for Critical Reflective Practice in Teacher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/lonfi59	Ms Noncedo Makapela-Cikizwa & Ms Johanna Olive Reimagining Teaching and Learning for the Future: Innovation, Inclusive and Impact on Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/w8zu8ey
15:20 – 15:40	Mr Tankiso Radebe Beyond the dark side of AI: A comprehensive assessment of AI benefits in teaching and learning at a South African University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/baysc4j	Dr Corneli Van Der Walt Utilising Engeström's Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT) to enhance first-year student success at the Vaal University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://slnk.com/m8vnfa8	Prof Mathews Ochieng Bridging the Skills Gap: Revamping Construction Education for Articulation and Inclusion Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/um9rde9
15:40 – 16:00	Mr Willy Ngaha & Mr Jules Djeumen Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Improve Teaching and Learning in Large Classes: A Case Study of the Vaal University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/l4q9a6k	Dr Matjhabedi Mazibuko Plagiarism as a pedagogy of disengagement: A theoretical qualitative study of root causes in university academic writing Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/gdsiq8e	Mr Justin Dunn AI-Enhanced Assessment Feedback: Exploring Lecturers' Perspectives on Assessment Practices in a Private Tertiary institution. Institution Name: The Independent Institute of Education Emeris https://slnk.com/nhmkrli
16:00 – 16:20	Ms Athini Mbalo & Dr Netshakhuma Decolonization in Progress or in Principle? Interrogating the State of Curriculum Transformation in South African Universities Institution Name: University of Zululand https://lnq.com/bt5rvkb	Mr Sipho Lafleni Reimagining Pedagogy: An Instructor-Student Dual Perspective on Future Teaching Methods Inspired by Sport Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/r1bfnfb	Mr Naledi Kaeane Bridging the Digital Divide: Technophobia and the Adoption of Blended Learning Among Older Academic Staff Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://lnq.com/oo96nph
	Networking / Refreshments		

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 09 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:30 – 08:45	Welcome: Prof Lazarus Maleho (Dean Faculty of Human Sciences)
08:45 – 09:35	Keynote Presentation Prof PLO Lumumba (PLO Lumumba Foundation)
09:35 – 10:25	Keynote Presentation Dr Julie Lindsay Senior Consultant (Technology Innovation)
10:25 – 11:15	Keynote Presentation Prof Monwabisi Ralarala (DVC Academic University of the Western Cape)
11:15 – 11:30	The Marking App Presentation Mr Kabelo Mahlobogwane
11:30 – 11:55	Mid-Morning Break – Foyer

Parallel Sessions

ORYX Hall Session Chair: Prof T.W Maseko		ORYX-1 Room Session Chair: Dr N.H Phaladi	ORYX-2 Room Session Chair: Dr F.C Mabaso
11:55 – 12:15	Dr Vuyani Langa Policy, Transformation, and Pedagogical Innovation: Academic Staff Development in South Africa's Globalising Higher Education Institution Name: Walter Sisulu University https://sl1nk.com/55tk9q5	Mr Thabang Molokomme Exploring Challenges of Providing Effective Student Feedback in High-Enrolment Higher Education Classes: Experiences of Academic Staff Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/3md4hsk	Mr Kwanele Shoba A Holistic Academic Advising Framework for Advancing Student Success and Holistic Development in Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/iotg5f0

12:15 – 12:35	Ms Itumeleng Mokoena Enrolled But Not Supported: Institutional Obligations for Student Success in South African Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/qOt7z8g	Mr Ndivhuhweni Mbedzi A Critical Analysis of the Right to Have Access to Social Security in South Africa: a Transformative Constitutional Approach Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/l1q7mx5	Ms Felicity Moreki Lecturers' Experiences with Mendeley as a Referencing Tool Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/wnzbdud
12:35 – 12:55	Dr Liemiseng Tjabane Professional learning and ethics of care in UoT Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://l1nq.com/dc7mi99	Prof Teboho Pitso Theoretical Review of Artificial Intelligence Literacy in the Fifth Industrial Revolution: Preparing for the Future Society 5.0 Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://l1nq.com/hei4osf	Mr Rammakoa Ramotshela & Mr Thapelo Mokole How can Artificial Intelligence supplement teaching and learning Institution Name: Adapt IT https://sl1nk.com/ldtv9ju
12:55 – 13:15	Dr Karien Du Bruyn & Dr Trishana Soni A pilot study on Work-Integrated Learning and Mental Health: Perceptions of engineering students at a University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/gx83enu	Ms Carol Motale From Compliance to Consciousness: A Personal Teaching Philosophy, Decolonising the Medical Microbiology Curriculum Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/5aymwad	Ms Annamarie Kok SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and Society 5.0: Addressing Student Food Insecurity through Educational Technology and Artificial Intelligence Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/gimke6n
13:15- 14:05	Lunch		
	ORYX Hall (Session Chair: Mrs Lerato Thabane)	ORYX-1 Room (Session Chair: Dr Sibonelo Mbanjwa)	ORYX-2 Room Session Chair: Dr V Seti-Sonamzi
14:05 – 14:25	Dr Christopher Chitumwa Navigating Educational Technology in South African Higher Education: A Critical Theoretical Analysis Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/6txfu29	Mr Thabo Makhoana Capability Stories of Social Media Influencers in Emfuleni: Interactive Documentary as Reflexive Research Method Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://l1nq.com/mozrvsf	Ms Julia Mofokeng Realisation of Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 2 through South African Higher Education Initiatives Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/5mk2nor

14:25 – 14:45	Mr Teboho Bojabotseha Deconstructing the Jurisprudence of Identity: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Transgender Rights in South African Courts Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/qzw0vrn	Mr Quintin Senekal Human-Centred Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Enhancing Student Support and Development at a University of Technology in Gauteng Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/nx5114g	Mr Zakea Shivambu Digital Disruption in South African Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/71hncge
14:45 – 15:05	Ms Cornelia Tessendorf Navigating the Future of Work for Artistic Creatives: The Wheel of Artistic Creative Wholeness Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/14vj8fg	Ms Elizabeth Zwane The role of nutrition education in improving student and community health at South African universities Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/8qa1u5v	Mr Tshenolo Montsiemang, Tawanda Makuyana, Regina Makoni, Christopher Chitumwa & Lazarus Mohapi Towards making higher education a disability inclusive space: A participatory-action research perspective of a South African university of technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/look6il
15:05 – 15:25	Ms Boipelo Bhuda Women in Leadership as Catalysts for Inclusive Transformation in Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/xbk8aig	Mr Yegash Naidu & Mr Christian Ejike Mapping the AI Divide: Bot Traffic as a Proxy for Digital Inequality in Africa Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/62zr3tz	Ms Josephine Morudu & Mr Thapelo Mokole Beyond the Handshake: Rethinking Partnerships, Innovation, and the Future of Work in African Higher Education Institution Name: Adapt IT https://link.com/erdojOk
15:25 – 15:45	Mr Willy Ngaha Exploring the influence of ChatGPT as an interactive learning tool on student's engagement and academic success in higher education. Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/2ny4s6f	Ms Precious Luvhengo & Mr Thapelo Mokole Bridging the Digital Skills Gap Through University-Industry Partnerships: Preparing Graduates for the Future of Work Institution Name: Adapt IT https://link.com/850kmx1	Dr Christopher Chitumwa Beyond The Classroom: Student Educators as Agents of Change in Supporting Extra Lessons in South Africa Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://link.com/44my8d6

15:45– 16:05	Prof Liphoo Lekaota & Mr Brighton Chamunorwa Designing an inclusive Participatory WebGIS for community-based tourism in Gairezi and the Vaal River corridor Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/vvsyvf2	Ms Sibongile Mokaeane Strategic communication techniques influence the performance of institutions of higher learning Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://l1nq.com/8lqrgkc	Dr Otunniyi Oluwafunke Systematic review and Integrated framework on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies in Teaching and Learning Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/rph9xz2
Closure			
18:00 – 22:00	Gala Dinner		

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:00 – 08:30	Registration / Refreshments		
Parallel Sessions			
	ORYX Hall	ORYX-1 Room	ORYX-2 Room
08:30 – 10:30	Mr Innocent Mamvura Learning Analytics and Evidence-Based Decision Making for Higher Education Practitioners Institution Name: University of the Witwatersrand	Dr Julie Lindsay Integrating AI Tools as Collaborative Learning Partners Institution Name: Technology Innovation	Ms Corline van Rooyen Writing for Publication Institution Name: Research Management Services South Africa
10:30 – 11:00	Mid-morning break		
11:00 – 13:30	Workshops Continue		
13:30 – 14:15	Lunch		

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