Unisa's 10 Catalytic Niche Areas

8. Health Studies/Medicine



INVITATION: Working Group

1. Marine Studies, 2. Aviation and Aeronautical Studies, 3. Automotive, 4. Energy, 5. Space Study and Square Kilometer Array, 6. Fourth Industrial Revolution and Digitalisation, 7. Natural Sciences (Biotechnological studies), **8. Health Studies/Medicine,** 9. Feminist, Womanist, Bosadi Theorisations, 10. Student Support and Co-Curricular Activities.

Working Group Session

You are cordially invited to the 4th 2026 series of CGS-facilitated Catalytic Niche Area Working Group meetings for Health Studies. The theme for series 4 is "Future-Focused, Adaptive and Sustainable Catalytic Niche Areas". In this series, we explore emerging trends, risks and opportunities, and we consider the sustainability and adaptability of our niche area engagements.

Beyond the Next Health Crisis: Rethinking Resilience, Equity and the Future of Healthcare
As health systems confront changing disease burdens, demographic shifts, environmental pressures and technological advances, how can UNISA's Health Studies/Medicine Catalytic Niche Area contribute to research that anticipates future health challenges while addressing the structural inequalities that continue to shape health and healthcare in African societies?

Strategic reflection:
What neglected or emerging health challenges should receive greater research attention at UNISA over the next decade, and where might collaborations beyond the health sciences fundamentally change how we investigate and respond to them?

Reading:
World Health Organization & European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (2026). Lessons from a global review of health system resilience. Policy Brief 81
https://eurohealthobservatory.who.int/publications/i/lessons-from-a-global-review-of-health-system-resilience

GUEST PRESENTER:
Mr Leon Roets

Tuesday, 17 November 2026
14:00 – 15:00

Join the Session on MS Teams
https://tinyurl.com/spur9yty OR
Teams Link

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