

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM 2026



THEME: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: FROM TALKING TO DOING

 **27 – 28 OCTOBER 2026**

 **KGORONG FUNCTION HALL**
UNISA Muckleneuk Campus,
Groenkloof, Pretoria

The Unisa Library and Information Services, invites library practitioners, researchers, and educators across higher education to a two-day symposium focused on moving beyond conversations about artificial intelligence (AI) to practical implementation.

We welcome work in progress, pilot projects, and emerging ideas that demonstrate practical learning and real-world impact.

Join us on a journey of: **UNDERSTANDING** (Ethics & Policy),
APPLYING (Collaboration & Localisation), and **BUILDING** (Practical Examples).

SUB-THEMES | Each theme reflects a stage of the **UNDERSTANDING → APPLYING → BUILDING** journey

 SUB-THEME 1 UNDERSTAND	 SUB-THEME 2 APPLY	 SUB-THEME 3 APPLY	 SUB-THEME 4 APPLY	 SUB-THEME 5 BUILD
From Institutional Risk to Institutional Resilience How are institutions navigating the governance of AI? Critical perspectives on policy design, risk management, and the frameworks institutions are building or should be building.	AI in Higher Education How is AI reshaping teaching, learning, and academic integrity? This sub-theme investigates practical approaches to assessment redesign and developing meaningful AI literacy among students and staff.	AI in the African Context We invite contributions that interrogate, localise, and reimagine what AI looks like when it is centred on African knowledge systems.	Human + AI Collaboration Work that explores collaboration models including library-specific applications such as cataloguing, discovery, reference services, technology support and e-resource management.	Practical Applications This sub-theme is for people who have built, broken, and rebuilt. Come share your demos and working examples, if it is still a work in progress, even better.

 **SUBMISSION**

- Title of the presentation
- Presenter name(s), institution, and role
- Submission format (abstract only – maximum 400 words)
- Sub-theme alignment (1–5)
- Abstract of 250–400 words describing your topic, approach, and what attendees will gain
- For demos and live builds: a brief note on the technology or tools you will demonstrate
- Please submit to matshdk@unisa.ac.za

 **DATE MILESTONES**

	27 JULY 2026	Abstract submission opens
	31 AUGUST 2026	Abstract submission deadline
	15 SEPTEMBER 2026	Notification of acceptance
	15 OCTOBER 2026	Full paper / poster submission deadline
	27 – 28 OCTOBER 2026	Symposium — Kgorong Function Hall