

# Academic Development Symposium

Unisa Western Cape Region - Cape Town

**Date: 6-7 September 2023**

## **Sustainable Development in Communities:**

**Supporting entrepreneurial initiatives through capacity building and community engagement.**

### **Preamble**

Aligned to each of the 16 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the UNESCO Agenda 2030, the concept of entrepreneurship can often be regarded as multifaceted and complex. Notwithstanding many skills development initiatives associated with clear development and monitoring goals, effective and sustainable pathways can yield opportunities to decent work opportunities, whilst also reducing inequality through global connection, transformation, capacity building, and sustainable development.

In acknowledging the transformative power that entrepreneurship brings to the SDGs, entrepreneurship also has a profound impact on the structural position to drive positive social and environmental change.

In many post-schooling and higher education institutions, entrepreneurial workshops and advocacy efforts strongly connect with the transformative power in terms of social mobility. In South African communities, innovative business models equip young and old(er) entrepreneurs with knowledge, skills and increased societal resilience to sustain their efforts in making a sustainable mark on society.

This symposium focuses on lessons shared by community leaders, academics, industry specialists and entrepreneurs, narrating their efforts to alleviate poverty and unemployment through knowledge-sharing, organisation, ongoing support initiatives, social mobility and wealth creation.

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## Provisional programme

### Wednesday, 06 September 2023

Programme Director: Ms. Chantal Adams (Student Counsellor, Unisa Western Cape)

Time	Topic / Item	Presenter / Facilitator
08h30 - 08h45	Welcome and Opening Address	Ms. M Frauendorf Acting Regional Director Western Cape
08h45 - 09h30	Keynote Address 1	Prof M Ntwasa Acting Executive Dean CAES
09h30-10h15	Keynote Address 2	Dr T Terblanche Principal South Cape College
10h15-10h45	Reflections Questions and Answer	Mr. Leon Roets Tirisano Project: Social Justice and Inclusivity
10h45-11h15	<b>Tea</b>	
11h15-12h00	Reflection on the work done by The Seven Passes Initiative	Ms. Wilmi Dippenaar The Seven Passes Initiative
	Reflection on the work done by SUFF Academy	Mr. Ray Carstens SUFF Academy
12h00-12h20	Sustainable development in communities: Through dedicated and targeted Education	Mr Mongezi Mbebe Stellenbosch University
12h20-13h00	Practice Sharing Sessions	
13h00-14h00	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	
14h00-15h00	Reflections on experiences from CPUT	Dr Sweta Patnaik Mr. Shaamil Isaacs CPUT

## Thursday, 07 September 2023

Programme Director: Ms. Chantal Adams (Student Counsellor, Unisa Western Cape)

Time	Topic / Item	Presenter / Facilitator
08h30 - 08h45	Welcome and Recap of Day 1	Ms. Michelle Frauendorf Acting Regional Director Western Cape
08h45 - 09h30	Keynote Address 2 <i>Creativity and Entrepreneurship</i>	Prof Annemarie Davis Inhlanyelo Hub NPC
09h30-10h00	Unpacking the role of engaged scholarship in communities: the case study of Mokopane community.	Youth-Network Engaged Scholarship Project (Unisa) Mr. Sello Selelo Mr. MC Marakalala Dr D Mabunda Prof. G Thenga
10h00-10h30	Questions and Answer	Mrs. Tabita Lalendle Unisa
10h30-11h00	<b>Tea</b>	
11h00- 13h00	<b>Plenary Session</b>	
	Entrepreneurship Session on Fostering Creativity and Innovation	Offered by: Inhlanyelo Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Phumelele Mokoena: Manager: Incubation Services and Enterprise Development</li> <li>Dr. Tapiwa Muzata: Curriculum and Program Specialist</li> <li>Ms. Oageng Mokoka: Curriculum and Program Development Coordinator</li> </ul>
13h00-14h00	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	
14h00-15h00	Closing and Word of Thanks	Mrs Sonja Barnard Unisa