



UNIVERSITIES
SOUTH AFRICA

3RD USAf HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE DRAFT PROGRAMME

9-11 OCTOBER 2024 | CSIR CONVENTION CENTRE | TSHWANE

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2024

08:00 – 09:00 Tea and coffee on arrival and Registration

Conference Opening
Session Chair: Dr Phethiwe Matutu

09:00 – 09:05 Introduction of the Chairperson of the USAf Board

09:05 – 09:20 Official conference opening and welcome: Prof Frances Peterson

09:20 – 09:25 Introduction of the Minister

09:25 – 10:00 Opening keynote address: **DHET Minister**

10:00 – 12:30: PLENARY SESSIONS 1- 3: CONTESTED FUTURES

PLENARY SESSION 1

The Global Crisis and the Future University:

- **Professor Tshilidzi Marwala** (Rector of the United Nations University)

PLENARY SESSION 2

Framing the Future of the University and the Future Making University: Sustainable Development Goals and Beyond:

- **Professor Ruksana Osman** (UNESCO Chair in Teaching and Learning)
- **Professor Tel Amiel** (UNESCO Chair in Distance Education)

PLENARY SESSION 3

Technology and Human Interface in the Future University:

- **Professor Ulrich Paquet** (The Director of AIMS South Africa)

12:30 – 13:00 CONFERENCE PHOTO			
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH			
14:00 – 15:30 PARALLEL STRATEGY SESSIONS (1)			
Conference participants to select a session	TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGY GROUP (TLSG) SESSION 1	TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY GROUP (TSG) SESSION 1	FUNDING STRATEGY GROUP (FSG) SESSION 1
14:00 – 15:30	Teaching and Learning in the Future University	The Future of Transformation in South African Higher Education: Looking Back, Going Forward	Financial Sustainability of and in Higher Education Institutions
15:30 – 16:00: TEA BREAK			
PLENARY SESSION 4			
16:00 – 17:00: Climate Change University Life and Service Delivery			
17:30 – 19:30	Welcome cocktail – The Deck		

DAY 2, 10 October 2024

PLENARY SESSION 5

9:00 - 11:00

The University, its Future and Academic Freedom

- **Dr Naledi Pandor**
- **Anne-Marie Scott** (Independent scholar and HE strategist, Scotland)

11:00 – 11:30 - TEA BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 PARALLEL STRATEGY SESSIONS (2)

	WORLD OF WORK STRATEGY GROUP (WSG) SESSION 1	RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGY GROUP (RISG) SESSION 1	LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY GROUP (LMSG) SESSION 1	TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGY GROUP (TLSG) SESSION 2
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11:30 – 13:00	<p>Entrepreneurial work-integrated learning and the responsibility of universities: Related to the Future of Work and the University Brown</p> <p>Entrepreneurial work-integrated learning and the responsibility of universities in nurturing student entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Establishing comprehensive mentorship and coaching structures for students and academics, starting from the day they register.</p> <p>The Entrepreneurial University and formalising relationships with external partners.</p>	<p>Research and Innovation Strategy in relation to decreasing resources.</p>	<p>Emboldening governance, leadership and management for change, complexity, and continuity in the University of the future.</p>	<p>AI and Teaching and Learning in the Future University.</p>
	TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY GROUP (TSG) SESSION 2	FUNDING STRATEGY GROUP (FSG) SESSION 2		
	<p>Advancing Transdisciplinarity through Decolonising Digital Transformation</p>	<p>Sustainability of University Funding</p>		
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH				
14:00 – 15:30 PARALLEL STRATEGY SESSIONS (3)				
14:00 – 15:30	WORLD OF WORK STRATEGY GROUP (WSG) SESSION 2	RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGY GROUP (TSG) SESSION 2	LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY GROUP (LMSG) SESSION 2	
	<p>Entrepreneurship and Sustainability</p>	<p>The University as an Impactful Societal Resource</p>	<p>Strategic repositioning and effective people planning, for a sustainable future, in the University</p>	

15:30 – 16:00: AFTERNOON TEA			
PLENARY SESSION 6			
16:00 – 17:00: The Future of Work, the Future of the University in a Developing and Disrupted Society:			
18:00 – 20:00: USAf CHAIRPERSONS' DINNER			
DAY 3: FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2024			
PLENARY SESSION 6			
9:00 - 10:00: The Future University and the changing role of university role players: Panel Discussion of Role players in the Sector			
10:00 – 11:30 PARALLEL STRATEGY SESSIONS (3)			
10:00 – 11:30	COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION (CHE)	HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT (HELM) PROGRAMME	ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION (EDHE)
	TBC	Enabling leaders to inspire positive change and foster inclusivity in diverse organisational settings, drawing upon South Africa's history of transformation and reconciliation.	Adapting to changing fiscal realities and the evolving nature of academic identity, including consultancies and board positions, to leverage their expertise in practical industry applications
11:35 – 12:35 REPORTING SESSION: CHAIRS OF STRATEGY GROUPS			
12:35 – 13:15 CONFERENCE OUTCOMES AND CLOSING			
13:20 – 14:20 LUNCH AND DEPARTURE			