

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

** All sessions will be held at the premises of School of Public Health, Seminar Room 1A & B, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town*
Address: Robert Sobukwe Rd, Bellville, Cape Town, 7535, South Africa

Panel Sessions Overview

- Panel Session 1: Education, Entrepreneurship, Economic and Social Development
- Panel Session 2: Policy Formation for Entrepreneurial Learning
- Panel Session 3: Special Session on Entrepreneurship Education: A South African Perspective on Supporting Small-Business Development
- Panel Session 4: Ecosystem Value Creation through Education and Entrepreneurship
- Panel Session 5: Transdisciplinarity and Entrepreneurship
- Panel Session 6: Education, Coaching and Learning for Entrepreneurship
- Panel Session 7: UWC Special Session on the Faculty Handbook of Entrepreneurship Education

Please note: **Panel Sessions** are interactive discussions featuring invited experts on specific themes, while **Presentation Sessions** involve individual speakers presenting their accepted research papers.

DAY 1. THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS/ PANELISTS	SESSION CHAIR
8.30 – 9.30	Registration		
9.30 – 10.30	Opening of the Conference - Welcome to UWC - Welcome to the SBDG Chair in Entrepreneurship - Welcome to the 21st IEF	- Prof. Monwabisi Knowledge Ralarala – Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of the Western Cape, SA - Prof. Chux Gervase Iwu – SBDG Chair in Entrepreneurship, University of the Western Cape, SA - Prof. Jay Mitra – Founder, International Entrepreneurship Forum (IEF) & Visiting Professor of Leuphana University, Germany	Prof. Chux Gervase Iwu & Prof. Jay Mitra
10.30 – 11.15	Keynote Address	Honorable Stella Tembisa Ndabeni – Minister of Small Business Development, Government of South Africa	
11.15 – 12.00	Keynote 1 WHEN HOPE MEETS ACTION: Facilitating Systemic Change, Inclusive Growth, and Transformation Where It Matters	Dr. Ruben Richards – Executive Mayor of Cederberg Local Municipality, Cape Town, SA	Prof. Chux Gervase Iwu
12.00 – 12.30	Coffee Break		
12.30 – 13.30	Panel Session 1 Education, Entrepreneurship, Economic and Social Development	- Mr. Lance Greyling – Director of Economic Development and Investment Department, Economic Growth Directorate, Cape Town, SA - Mr. John Edward Peters – Chief Director at Department of Economic Development and Tourism (Western Cape), Cape Town, SA - Mr. Bongumusa Biyela – Regional Manager of Western Cape at National Empowerment Fund, Cape Town, SA - Dr. Thobekani Lose – Director and Senior Researcher at the Mandela University Africa HUB, Nelson Mandela University, SA	Prof. Chux Gervase Iwu

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13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break		
14.30 – 15.45	Presentation Session 1 (Parallel with Presentation Session 2) Entrepreneurship Education and Learning	- Prof. Isioma Ile – Professor at the School of Government, Economic and Management Science Faculty, University of the Western Cape, SA - Dr. Jeremiah Machingambi – Post Doctoral Research Fellow, University of the Western Cape, SA - Mr. Thembinkosi Maphosa – PhD Student, University of the Western Cape, SA	Prof. Isioma Ile
14.30 – 15.45	Presentation Session 2 (Parallel with Presentation Session 1) Contexts, Processes and Situations	- Dr. Elona Nobukhosi Ndlovu – Executive and Entrepreneurial Coach, BizPreneur, SA - Ms. Silindile Mkize – Student, University of KwaZulu-Natal, SA - Ms. Salu Yekela – Lecturer, Central University of Technology, Free State, SA - Ms. Gloriam Molefe – Lecturer, Central University of Technology, Free State, SA	Dr. Elona Nobukhosi Ndlovu
15.45 – 16.15	Coffee Break		
16.15 – 17.15	Panel Session 2 Policy Formation for Entrepreneurial Learning	- Dr. Edwell Gumbo – Director of Entrepreneurship (EDHE) at Universities South Africa (USAf), SA - Prof. Vivienne Lawack – Professor of Fintech Law and Regulation, Department of Mercantile & Labour Law, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape, SA - Prof. George Saridakis – Professor of Small Business and Entrepreneurship and Head of the Department of Marketing, Entrepreneurship and International Business at Kent University, UK - Dr. Bridget Irene – Senior Lecturer in Business Management School of Leadership, Management & Marketing, Leicester Castle Business School, UK - Dr. Simon Michael Taylor – Senior Lecturer, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Durban, SA	Dr. Edwell Gumbo
17.15	End of Conference Day 1		

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18.00 – 21.00

Cocktail Reception with Live Jazz Band

Venue: School of Public Health Foyer, University of the Western Cape, SA

(Same location as the conference venue)

DAY 2. FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

9.30 – 10.15

Keynote 2

Ecosystems of Learning:
The Urban Dividend

- Prof. Zoltan Acs - Director of the VIGS Institute, Vienna, Austria and Professor Emeritus of George Mason University, USA

Prof. Jay Mitra

10.15 – 10.45

Panel Session 3

Special Session on
Entrepreneurship Education:
A South African Perspective
on Supporting Small-
Business Development

- Prof. Michelle Esau - Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, University of the Western Cape, SA

Prof. Michelle Esau

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.15

Panel Session 4

Ecosystem Value Creation
through Education and
Entrepreneurship

- Prof. Marcus Dejardin (join online) – Professor (Professeur Ordinaire) of Economics at the Université Catholique de Louvain and the Université de Namur, Belgium
- Prof. Isioma Ile – Professor at the School of Government, Economic and Management Science Faculty, University of the Western Cape, SA
- Ms. Lisle Svenson – Coordinator of Small Business Clinic, University of the Western Cape, SA
- Prof. Beatrice Opeolu – Founder & Director, BEE Solutions and Consultancy Services, Cape Town, SA

Prof. Isioma Ile

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12.15 – 13.15	Panel Session 5 Transdisciplinarity and Entrepreneurship	• Prof. Patient Rambe – Director of Centre for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Studies, Central University of Technology, Free State, SA • Mr. Luvuyo Rani – Co-Founder of Silulo Ulutho Technologies, Cape Town, SA • Prof. Sarika Pruthi – Professor of Entrepreneurship, San Jose State University, California, USA • Prof. Roderick J. Lawrence (join online) – Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland • Prof. Jay Mitra – Founder, International Entrepreneurship Forum, UK and Visiting Professor, Luneburg University, Germany • Prof. Piero Formica (join online) – Thought Leader and a Senior Research Fellow of the Innovation Value Institute at Maynooth University, Ireland and Professor of Knowledge Economics at the MOIM, Open Innovation Management, University of Padua, Italy	Prof. Sarika Pruthi

13.15 – 14.15 **Lunch Break**

14.15 – 15.30	Presentation Session 3 (Parallel with Presentation Session 4) Ecosystems of Entrepreneurial Learning	• Dr. Ayansola Olatunji Ayandibu – Associate Professor and Head of Business Management Department, University of Zululand, SA • Dr. Chuene Alfred Semono – Project Specialist, Nelson Mandela University, SA • Dr. Lindiwe (Malindi) Kunene – Senior Lecturer of Management and Entrepreneurship Discipline, SME Strategy and Governance Expert, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, SA • Dr. Christiana Kappo-Abidemi – Senior Lecturer, University of Mpumalanga, SA • Ms. Gina Nomcebo – Student, GIBS, University of Pretoria, SA	Dr. Thobekani Lose
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14.15 – 15.30	Presentation Session 4 (Parallel with Presentation Session 3) Psychology and Sociology of Entrepreneurial Learning	• Prof. Ulrich Schmitt – Professor Extraordinaire, Stellenbosch Business School, SA • Dr. Simon Michael Taylor – Senior Lecturer, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, SA • Dr. Emmanuel Zhanda – Lecturer, Botho University, Lesotho • Dr. Relebohile Makara – Lecturer, Botho University, Lesotho • Ms. Ndileka Bala – Lecturer, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, SA • Ms. Rucesia Venacio – Associate Lecturer, University of Mpumalanga, SA	Dr. Bridget Irene
15.30 – 16.30	Panel Session 6 Education, Coaching and Learning for Entrepreneurship	• Dr. Elona Nobukhosi Ndlovu – Executive and Entrepreneurial Coach, BizPreneur, SA • Dr. Lindiwe (Malindi) Kunene – Senior Lecturer of Management and Entrepreneurship Discipline, SME Strategy and Governance Expert, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, SA • Dr. Norah Clarke – Founding Partner, AFRALEAD, SA • Prof. Thea Van der Westhuizen – Academic Leader for High Impact Community Engagement and Internationalisation, School of Commerce, University of KwaZulu-Natal, SA • Mr. Nick Hixson (join online) – Director, Hixsons, Chartered Certified Accountants, Bournemouth, UK	Dr. Elona Nobukhosi Ndlovu
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee Break		

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17.00 – 18.00	Panel Session 7 Special Panel on the Faculty Handbook of Entrepreneurship Education	• Prof. Isioma Ile – Professor at the School of Government, Economic and Management Science Faculty, University of the Western Cape, SA • Prof. Moenieba Isaacs – Professor and Academic Coordinator, University of the Western Cape, SA • Mr. Simbarashe Murozvi – Contact Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of the Western Cape, SA • Ms. Lisle Svenson – Coordinator of Small Business Clinic, University of the Western Cape, SA • Mr. Charles Adams – Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of the Western Cape, SA • Dr. Fazlyn Petersen – Senior Lecturer, University of the Western Cape, SA • Prof. Abdullah Bayat – Professor, Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, University of the Western Cape, SA • Prof. Derek Yu – Professor in Economics, University of the Western Cape, SA	Prof. Michelle Esau
18.00 – 18.15	Closing Remarks		Prof. Chux Gervase Iwu & Prof. Jay Mitra
18.15	End of Conference		
19.00 – 22.00	Conference Dinner Venue: Nuovo Restaurant & Bar, Hotel Verde – Cape Town Airport. Address: 15 Michigan St, Airport Industria, Cape Town, 7490, South Africa		

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