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🎓 NAST NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Final Information Letter to Presenters

📅 **Date:** 3 July 2026

To: All Conference presenters

CC:

- NAST Provincial Representatives
- NAST Executive
- Conference Technical Support Team

Dear Colleagues and valued presenters,

🎤 Final Presenter Communication – NAST National Conference 2026

On behalf of the National Association for Schools of Technology (NAST), we would like to thank you for accepting our invitation to present at the **NAST National Conference 2026**.

Your expertise, knowledge, and willingness to share best practices are greatly appreciated and will contribute significantly to the professional development of our delegates.

The conference will take place from **14–17 July 2026** at **HTS Witbank, eMalahleni (Witbank), Mpumalanga**.

🌟 Conference theme

"Preparing Tomorrow Through Skills"

Your presentation is an important contribution towards advancing Technical and Vocational Education in South Africa.

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Conference Venue

HTS Witbank (THS Witbank)

Beyers Street
Die Heuwel
eMalahleni (Witbank)
Mpumalanga
GPS Coordinates:
-25.8808, 29.23186

Registration & Accreditation

Tuesday, 14 July 2026 to 17 July 2026

Upon arrival, all presenters are requested to register and collect their accreditation badges at the registration desk.

Important reminder for all presenters

We kindly request that **all presenters arrive at the designated presentation venue at least 90 minutes before their scheduled presentation time**.

This will allow sufficient time to:

- meet the session chairperson.
- test your presentation and audiovisual equipment.
- complete any final technical checks.
- ensure that your presentation begins on time and runs smoothly.

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Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us deliver a successful and well-organised NAST National Conference 2026.

Please ensure that your personal details are verified during registration.

Conference programme

Your presentation has been scheduled according to the official conference programme attached as **Annexure A**.**(MARKED IN YELLOW)**

Please take note of:

- Your allocated presentation date and topic
- Your presentation time
- Your presentation venue

Presentation arrangements

To ensure that the conference programme runs smoothly, presenters are kindly requested to adhere the following guidelines:

- ✓ adhere strictly to your allocated presentation time.
- ✓ please ensure that your presentation concludes within the allocated time to allow for questions and smooth transitions between sessions.
- ✓ the session chairperson will assist with time management and may indicate when your presentation time is nearing completion.

Presentation time allocation

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Your allocated presentation time is indicated in **Annexure A**.

Unless otherwise communicated:

🎤 **Keynote presentations**
- as allocated in the programme.

🎤 **Conference presentations**
- as allocated in the official programme.

Please respect the programme schedule to ensure that all presenters receive equal opportunity.

💻 Presentation format

Presentations should preferably be prepared using **Microsoft PowerPoint**.

Please ensure that:

✔ fonts are embedded.

✔ videos function correctly.

✔ images are of good quality.

✔ presentations are professional, clear, and easy to read.

📧 Submission of presentations

To allow the technical support team sufficient preparation time, **all presentations must be submitted in advance**.

📅 Submission deadline

Friday, 10 July 2026

📧 Email your presentation to:

lodewykwa1@gmail.com

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Please use the following file name format:
Surname_Organisation_PresentationTitle.pptx
Example:
Smith_GautengDOE_AlinTechnicalEducation.pptx

Late submissions might result in exclusion from the conference presentation system.

💻 Technical arrangements

All presentation venues will be equipped with:

- 📽 data projector
- 💻 conference laptop
- 🔊 audio system
- 🎙 microphone

Presenters are kindly requested **not to connect personal laptops** unless prior arrangements have been made with the technical support team.

This will ensure smooth transitions between presentations.

🤝 Presenter support

Technical assistants will be available throughout the conference to assist presenters before and during their presentations.

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Should you require any special equipment or technical assistance, please inform the Conference coordinator before **10 July 2026**.

🍽 Meals & refreshments

Your presenter accreditation includes:

☕ Morning Tea

🥪 Lunch

☕ Afternoon Refreshments

🤝 Welcome/ Networking function

📅 Tuesday, 14 July 2026

🕖 19:00

📍 HTS Witbank School Cafeteria

👔 Dress Code: Casual

All presenters are warmly invited to attend the Welcome networking function.

📩 RSVP Request

Please assist us by **confirming your attendance (RSVP)** for the Welcome/Network function no later than **Friday, 10 July 2026**, by sending a whatsapp to:

mr Wimpie Lodewyk
📱 **082 339 7063**

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❄ Winter weather

July in eMalahleni can be cold, particularly during the early mornings and evenings.

Please remember to bring:

- 🧥 Warm jacket
- 🧣 Scarf
- 🧤 Jersey
- 🧥 Suitable winter clothing

The conference sessions will be held in a large school hall that may become cold during winter.

⚠ Important reminder

Please report to your presentation venue **at least 90 minutes before your allocated presentation time**.

This allows sufficient time to:

✔ meet the session chairperson
✔ test your presentation
✔ check audio and visual equipment
✔ ensure a smooth start to your session

📞 Conference assistance

For any enquiries before or during the conference, please contact:

👤 mr Wimpie Lodewyk

Conference coordinator

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Final communication

Any final programme updates or logistical arrangements will be communicated before **10 July 2026.**

Thank you once again for your willingness to share your expertise and contribute to the success of the **NAST National Conference 2026**.

We look forward to welcoming you to **eMalahleni** and wish you a safe journey.

Kind Regards

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Annexure A

PROGRAMME (Changes may occur and this will be communicated to all stakeholders & invited guests)

Tuesday, 14 July 2026 (Day 1) (12:00 – 22:00) – Arrival Day

12:00 – 17:00: Arrival and registration/ accreditation (THS Witbank)
19:00 – Welcome Social/ networking function (THS Witbank)

Notes:
Check-in at the registration desk upon arrival.
Attendees will enjoy refreshments on arrival with registration/ accreditation.
Welcome function includes refreshments and informal networking.
A cash bar will be available.

Wednesday, 15 July 2026 (Day 2) (09:00 – 19:00) – Opening day

Programme Director: Mr GP van Rheede van Oudtshoorn (Coppertop Consulting)

All delegates must be seated no later than 08:30 in the conference venue (school main hall)

Morning Sessions (09:00 – 13:45 – Session 1 & 2)

Session 1

09:00 – 10:30: Opening: NAST: Chairperson- Mr Phillip Teffo
Word of welcome: Mr DM Maja (District Director Nkangala District)
Message of support: TBA
Keynote speech: TBA
10:30 –10:45: Exhibitor presentation (15 min)
10:45 – 11:15: Tea break

Session 2

11:15 – 11:30: **The Blueprint moment**
11:30 – 12:15: Presentation & answering questions: **Dr Aaron Nkosi (DBE Director: Curriculum Research)**
Topic: Expansion of Focus Schools' - Audit and way forward
12:15 – 12:45: Presentation & answering questions: **Dr Komanen Mphahlele (Retired academic University of Limpopo)**
Topic: Bridging the Skills gap: Aligning Technical Education with industrial needs.
12:45 – 13:00: **The Recharge Moment**
13:00 – 13:45: Lunch (THS Witbank cafeteria / designated area)

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<u>Afternoon Sessions</u> (13:45 – 19:00 – Sessions 3 & 4)

Programme Director: Mr GP van Rheede van Oudtshoorn (Coppertop Consulting)

All delegates must be seated no later than 13:45 in the conference venue (school main hall)

<u>Session 3</u>

13:45 – 14:00: **The Opportunity moment**
14:00 – 14:45: Presentation & answering questions: **Dr Moses Semilane (DBE Chief Director for Curriculum implementation and monitoring)**
Topic: Empowering youth through Technical skills for economic growth.
14:45 -15:00: Exhibitor presentation (15 min)
14:45 – 15:00: **The work bench moment**
15:00 – 15:30: Tea break
15:30 – 16:45: Breakaway Sessions
(All specialisations + EGD + Technical Mathematics & Technical Sciences & Special School)

<u>Session 4</u>

All delegates must be seated no later than 16:45 in the conference venue (school main hall)
17:00 – 18:30: Feedback on sessions
18:30 – 19:00: **The Shift Handover moment**
19:00 **–** Depart

Notes:
Breakaway sessions will be held in assigned classrooms or halls.
Session chairpersons and scribes will be announced.
Materials for each session will be available on tables.
Groups will determine the repartee from each group.
Feedback is strictly limited to 5 minutes, an official presentation template will be available.

<u>Thursday, 16 July 2026</u> (Day 3) (08:30 – 19:00) – Panel discussions, Training & members meeting

Programme Director: Mr GP van Rheede van Oudtshoorn (Coppertop Consulting)

All delegates must be seated no later than 08:15 in the conferenance venue (school main hall)

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Morning Sessions (09:00 – 12:30 – Session 5 & 6)

Session 5

08:30 – 09:00: Opening: (NAST)
Organisational announcements (NAST/LdeK)
09:00 – 9:30: Presentation & answering questions: **Africa Skills**
09:30 – 10:30: Plenary panel discussion
10:30 – 10:40: Exhibitor presentation (10 min)

Session 6

10:45 - 11:15: Tea break
11:15 – 11:30: **The Gear Up moment**
11:30 – 12:45: Training session (All specialisations + EGD + Technical Mathematics & Technical Sciences)
13:00 – 13:45: Lunch (THS Witbank cafeteria / designated area)

Afternoon Sessions (13:45 – 16:00 – Session 7)

All delegates must be seated no later than 13:45 in the workshops/ classrooms or halls for the training sessions.

Session 7

13:45 – 16:00: Training session continues
(All specialisations + EGD + Technical Mathematics & Technical Sciences)
16:30 - 16:40: Exhibitor presentation (10 min)
16:45 – 17:15: Tea break
17:15 – 18:30: **NAST Members meeting (school hall)**
18:30 – 19:00: **The Pre-Start Check**
19:00 **–** Depart

Notes:
Programme director will chair the panel discussions.
Training sessions will be held in assigned workshops/ classrooms and halls

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<u>Friday, 17 July 2026</u> (Day 4) (08:30 – 13:30) Closing day

Programme Director: Mr GP van Rheede van Oudtshoorn (Coppertop Consulting)

All delegates must be seated no later than 08:15 in the conference venue (school main mall)

<u>Sessions</u> (08:30 – 14:00 – Session 8)

08:30 – 08:45: Opening: (NAST)
08:45 – 09:00: Organisational announcements (NAST/LdeK)
09:00 – 09:10: Exhibitor presentation (10 min)
09:10 – 09:30: **The Ignition moment**
09:30 – 10:30: Motivational Speaker: **Mr Anthony Noble "A picture with a message"**
10:30 – 10:45: Tea Break
10:45 – 11:00: **The Future-Proofing moment**
11:00 – 11:45: Presentation & answering questions: **Dr Ntebo Ngcobo (Lecturer, University of Johannesburg)**
Topic: Preparing Future - Ready graduates: adapting Technical Education for a changing world.
11:45 – 12:00: **The Tools down moment**
12:00 - 12:15: Word of thanks (NAST: Deputy Chairperson - Mr Wouter Enslin)
12:15 - 12:45: Closing & way forward (NAST: Chairperson - Mr Phillip Teffo)
12:45 – 13:30: Lunch (Travel pack)
13:30 – Depart