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NAST NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Final Information Letter to Exhibitors

Information Letter 2/2026

Date: 3 July 2026

To: Conference Exhibitors

CC:

- NAST Provincial Representatives
- NAST Executive

Dear Colleagues and Valued Exhibitors,

Welcome to the NAST National Conference 2026

This letter serves as the **final communication** for all exhibitors participating in the **NAST National Conference 2026**, taking place from **14–17 July 2026** in **eMalahleni (Witbank), Mpumalanga**.

This conference is proudly supported by:

School Governing Bodies (SGBs)

Provincial Departments of Basic Education (PDEs & DBE)

Africa Skills

Corporate and Industry Exhibitors

Thank you for your continued support, prompt registration, and cooperation throughout the planning process. We are excited to welcome you to what promises to be an informative, engaging and rewarding event.

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Conference theme

"Preparing Tomorrow Through Skills"

Together, we are shaping the future of Technical and Vocational Education through innovation, collaboration, and skills development.

Day 1 Logistics

Tuesday, 14 July 2026

Registration & accreditation

12:00 – 17:00

Upon arrival, please register and collect your accreditation. You will also receive a control form to verify your personal details.

Conference Venue

HTS Witbank (THS Witbank)

Beyers Street, Die Heuwel

eMalahleni (Witbank), Mpumalanga

GPS Coordinates:

-25.8808, 29.23186

Welcome Social Networking function

19:00

HTS Witbank School Cafeteria

Dress Code: Casual

Enjoy an evening of networking with delegates, exhibitors, provincial representatives and invited guests.

A cash bar will be available.

Please note that beverages not bought at the bar are strictly prohibited on the school premises.

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📜 Conference programme

Please refer to **Annexure A** for the final conference programme.

Throughout the four-day conference, exhibitors will showcase their:
✓ products
✓ educational Programmes
✓ services
✓ learning resources
Special emphasis will be placed on **Technical and Vocational Education**.
⚠ Please note that minor programme adjustments may occur and will be communicated to all delegates and exhibitors.

🏗 Exhibitor Stall Setup

📅 Tuesday, 14 July 2026
🕗 **08:00 – 10:00**

All exhibition stands must be fully assembled and operational by **11:00**, before delegate registration begins.

⏰ Early Setup Option

Exhibitors requiring early setup may do so on:

📅 **Monday, 13 July 2026**
🕓 **16:00 – 18:00**
Prior approval is required.
✉ Email:
Mr Wimpie Lodewyk
lodewykwa1@gmail.com
Deadline: 9 July 2026

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📍 Exhibition area allocation

Every effort will be made to allocate exhibitors within the designated exhibition area outside the main conference venue.

🥇 Gold Package Exhibitors

- Priority placement closest to the main conference hall.

🥈 Silver & Bronze & Standard Exhibitors

- Positioned near the cafeteria and school hall where refreshments and lunches will be served to maximise delegate interaction.

🎁 Exhibitor benefits

Each exhibitor will receive:

✅ Exhibition space (approximately **5 m × 3 m**)

Two tables

Two to four chairs

🎟️ Complimentary exhibitor passes according to the selected package

🎤 Access to conference sessions

☕ Daily refreshments, tea breaks and lunches

📶 Complimentary Wi-Fi

⚠️ **Accommodation is NOT included.**

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🎨 Branding opportunities

You are welcome to brand your exhibition area using:

✔ Pull-up banners

✔ Branded backdrops

✔ Telescopic banners

✔ Promotional displays

✔ Corporate branding material

⭑ Special request

*** To enhance the conference venue, we kindly request that each exhibitor provide 2–3 pull-up banners for display inside the conference hall and at strategic locations around the registration area.**

*** We kindly request each exhibitor to donate a prize or gift for a lucky draw on Friday, 17 July 2026.**

⚡ Electricity & outdoor setup

Shared electrical outlets will be available.

Please bring:

- Extension leads
- Multi-plugs
- Adaptors (if required)

⮝ As the exhibition area is outdoors, exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own **gazebo**.

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Delegate conference bag promotional material

Exhibitors are welcome to include promotional material in the delegate registration packs.

Deliver to:

Mr Wimpie Lodewyk
HTS Witbank

Monday, 13 July 2026

From 12:00 (Noon)
If earlier delivery is possible, please contact mr Lodewyk to make arrangements.

WhatsApp / Cell:
082 339 7063

Exhibitor presentation opportunities

(Gold & Silver Packages Only)

Gold Package
15-minute presentation

Silver Package
10-minute presentation

Presentation schedules will be confirmed and communicated individually. See programme for more detail.

Presentation guidelines

✔ Promote your organisation, products or services.
✔ Design your presentation in your preferred style.
✔ Please remain within your allocated presentation time.
📌 Presentation times appear in **Annexure A**.(Programme)

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📧 Presentation submission deadline

📅 **10 July 2026**

Email presentations to:

📧 lodewykwa1@gmail.com

CC

📧 cheanhtswitbank@gmail.com

This allows the Conference technical support team sufficient time to prepare your presentation.

🍽 Meals & catering

☕ Tea breaks & Lunch

Served daily at HTS Witbank THS.

🍴 Dinner

Dinner arrangements remain the responsibility of each exhibitor unless otherwise advised.

🚚 Departure

The conference concludes at approximately **14:15 on Friday, 17 July 2026**.

🥡 A takeaway lunch pack will be provided before departure.

📢 Important notice to all exhibitors

To ensure that delegates have the opportunity to visit all exhibition stands throughout the conference, we kindly request that no exhibitor dismantles or packs up their exhibition stall before the official conclusion of the conference programme at 14:15 on Friday, 17 July 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and commitment to making the NAST National Conference 2026 a successful event.

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Transport

Transport between your accommodation and the conference venue remains the responsibility of each exhibitor.

Practical training day

Thursday, 16 July 2026

Exhibitors are welcome to attend the practical workshop sessions.

Venue

HTS Witbank Workshops and Classrooms

Dress Code

Participants attending practical sessions must wear the appropriate **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** relevant to their technical discipline.
Educators in **EGD, Technical Mathematics and Technical Sciences** may wear smart casual attire.

Important information

Winter Weather

July in eMalahleni can be extremely cold, especially during the mornings and evenings.
Please remember to bring:

- Warm jackets
- Scarves
- Jerseys
- Warm winter clothing

The conference will be hosted in a large school hall that can become cold during winter.

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Daily attendance

All exhibitors are required to have their accreditation badge scanned each morning.

08:00 – 08:45
Registration area (main foyer)

Need assistance?

Should you require assistance before or during the conference, please contact:
Mr Wimpie Lodewyk
Cell / WhatsApp
082 339 7063

Final communication

Any final logistical updates will be communicated before **10 July 2026**.
Thank you once again for your valued support and participation in the **NAST National Conference 2026**.
We look forward to welcoming you to **eMalahleni** and wish you a safe and pleasant journey.

Warm 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); GBF (GOVERNING BODY FOUNDATION)
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:Exhibitor presentation (15 min): Bonnievale 418
13:00 – 13:10: **The Recharge Moment**
13:15 – 13:45: Lunch (THS Witbank cafeteria / designated area)

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Afternoon sessions (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)

Session 3

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 -14:55: Exhibitor presentation (10 min): MODENA

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)

Session 4

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 allocated 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.

Thursday, 16 July 2026 (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): ADENDORFF MACHINERY MART

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): TBA
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:
Program director will chair the panel discussions.
Training sessions will be held in allocated 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