

NELSON MANDELA  
UNIVERSITY

# Annual Youth Development Convention

**"Living In The Age And Hope Of Madiba"**

## PROGRAMME

Date: 30 July – 01 August 2018

Venue: Indoor Sport Centre

*Organised by the Department of Student Governance  
& Development, a unit of the Student Affairs division*



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# Why the Annual Youth Development Convention?

**“Nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come.” – Victor Hugo**

The wave of change in society and in the higher education sector over the last few years calls for deep reflections and compels us to re-examine the content and pace of change. This manifests itself mainly in four phenomena:

1. Rapid technological adoption, popularly known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution or Industry 4.0;
2. High volatility, unpredictability, a complex world with many, often contradictory, variables at play, and ambiguous challenges;
3. High levels of poverty, unemployment and inequality, all in the midst of opulence that has never been seen before; and
4. A disconnect between public institutions and the broader development imperatives of society.

In her inaugural address, Nelson Mandela University's Vice-Chancellor, Prof Sibongile Muthwa, made a critical observation that “we are a world, a continent and a nation in transition. Both the higher education sector and our University are also in a state of change. We, as Nelson Mandela University, stand on the threshold of the next exciting stage of our evolution. It is up to us to define the trajectory we take into the future in the context of national, continental and global challenges”.

Mandela University believes that “higher education plays a major role in the development of a vibrant society and is key to delivering the knowledge requirements for development that will enhance the quality of life for all citizens”. The University has set itself a compelling vision of becoming a dynamic, African university recognised for its leadership in generating cutting-edge knowledge for a sustainable future.

The African Development Bank makes an important assertion that the “youth are Africa's greatest asset.” In support of the idea of taking advantage of the demographic dividend, Ashford (2007)<sup>1</sup> proposes that, “Africa's young people will be the driving force behind economic prosperity in future decades, but only if policies and programs are in place to enhance their opportunities and encourage smaller families.”

The African Youth Charter declares that “Africa's greatest resource is its youthful population and that through their active and full participation, Africans can surmount the difficulties that lie ahead [and recognizes that] ... youth are partners, assets and a prerequisite for sustainable development and for the peace and prosperity of Africa with a unique contribution to make to the present and to future development”.

Against this backdrop, the Convention aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Development and publication annually of a youth development index for South Africa, reflecting on progress made in evolving youth development in the country.
- Establishment and sustenance of a youth research laboratory on youth development theory and praxis, generating and propagating ideas and knowledge for youth development through mobilising and activating young people as the centre of this enterprise.

The Convention will achieve its objectives and outcomes through creating and sustaining an ecosystem of networks of organisations (private, public or civic) and individuals that play in the youth development space. This network should be connected to youth and be activated to support the ideas and projects of young people.

Finally, the work of the Convention will be anchored on the pillars of the National Youth Policy 2020. Its work will take the form of collaboration with the actors in the youth development space as no single actor has the capability to overcome the complex challenges facing young people in the country and continent.

**“After climbing a great hill. One only finds that there are many more hills to climb...action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world.” – Nelson Mandela**

<sup>1</sup>Lori S. Ashford, *Africa's Youthful Population: Risk Or Opportunity?* (2007)

# DAY ONE

**Monday 30 July 2018**

TIME	ACTIVITY / TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>07:30 – 08:30</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee (back of Indoor Sport Centre)</b>	
<b>SESSION ONE: Scene and Context Setting</b>		
<i>Facilitator and Moderator: Siv Hesjedal – Eastern Cape Socio Economic Consultative Council</i>		
<b>08:40 – 09:00</b>	<b>Introductions and Purpose of the Convention</b>	Luthando Jack: Dean of Students
<b>09:00 – 09:20</b>	<b>Opening address</b>	Prof Sibongile Muthwa: Vice-Chancellor
<b>09:20 – 09:35</b>	<b>Welcoming and message of support from the City</b>	Athol Trollip: CLLR, Mayor of Nelson Mandela Bay Metro Municipality
<b>09:35 – 10:00</b>	<b>Placing Young People at the centre of their own Development: How far have we come and are there missed opportunities? What needs to be done?</b>	Hon. OL Mabuyane: MEC: Finance, Economic Development, Environment & Tourism
<b>SESSION TWO: Perspectives and Paradigms on Youth Development</b>		
<i>Facilitator and Moderator: Siv Hesjedal – Eastern Cape Socio Economic Consultative Council</i>		
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Young People and the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution: What should be the response of young people and towards what end?</b>	Prince Mashele: Centre of Politics and Research
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Moderated Questions and Discussions Session</b>	Moderator
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>TEA BREAK/ EXHIBITION</b>	
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Indlulamithi South Africa Scenarios 2030 – Looking above the Trees : Implications for Youth Inclusion and Sustainable Youth Development</b>	Prof Somadoda Fikeni: UNISA
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Health and well-being as cornerstones for human development</b>	Prof Lungile Pepeta: Nelson Mandela University
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Moderated Questions and Discussions Session</b>	Moderator
<b>13:30 – 14:15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<i>Facilitator and Moderator: Ntombovuyo Linda – Thabo Mbeki Foundation Youth Hub</i>		
<b>14:15 – 14:45</b>	<b>Role of Higher Education in Development and Transformation</b>	Dr Themba Masondo: Gauteng Government
<b>14:45 – 15:15</b>	<b>Moderated Questions and Discussions Session</b>	Moderator
<b>15:15 – 15:45</b>	<b>Fashioning 21st Century Leaders Capable of Addressing and Responding to the Youth Challenge: Learning from Madiba's leadership</b>	Prof Barry Hanyane: North West University
<b>15:45 – 16:15</b>	<b>Moderated Questions and Discussions Session</b>	Moderator
<b>16:15 – 17:15</b>	<b>End of Day 1 EXHIBITION/COFFEE</b>	

# DAY TWO

**Tuesday 31 July 2018**

TIME	ACTIVITY / TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 – 8:30	Sign In & Coffee	
<b>SESSION THREE: Youth Development Policy and Practices: Propositions and New Paths</b>		
<i>Facilitator and Moderator: Ms Manoo Golden – National Department of Social Development</i>		
09:00 – 09:30	<b>The State of Youth Development: Enhancing implementation through integrated monitoring and accountability</b>	Dr Bernice Hlagala: Presidency's Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Towards a Youth Development Index for South Africa: conceptual frame and roadmap</b>	Siv Hesjedal & Kambale Kavese: ECSECC
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Comparative Models on Youth Development: An International Perspective</b>	United Nations
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK/ EXHIBITION	
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Moderated Questions and Discussions Session</b>	Moderator
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH & EXHIBITION	
<b>SESSION FOUR: Youth Employability and Well-being</b>		
<i>Facilitator and Moderator: Nobubele Phuza – Student Representative Council Member</i>		
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Global Trends in Economic Development: Implications for Africa and South Africa</b>	Mcebisi Jonas
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Approaches and paradigms to economic inclusion of young people</b>	Masakhane Mlamla: Harambee
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Enterprise development as a form of employment: opportunities for young people</b>	Siyabulela Zondani: NYDA
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Panel discussion: The precariousness of well-being and its impact on overcoming (under) development.</b> Panelists: Siziwe Jongizulu: United Nation Fund for Population Activities, Mahalia Shiyani, Nomtha Menye, Nolitha January and Nangamso Nxumalo.	
16:30 – 17:00	End of Day 2 TEA/ EXHIBITION	

# DAY THREE

**Wednesday 01 August 2018**

TIME	ACTIVITY / TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 – 08:30	Sign In & Coffee	
<b>SESSION FIVE: Decolonialisation and Africanisation of Education</b>		
<i>Facilitator and Moderator: Nobubele Phuza &amp; Ntombovuyo Linda</i>		
09:00 – 10:00	<b>The Essence of Good Governance in the context of Deepening Democracy – reflections from theory and practice</b>	Ms Insaaf Isaacs: University of Cape Town
10:00 – 12:00	<b>Panel Discussion: Africanisation and Decolonisation of higher education: Why and what needs to be done?</b>	Misheck Mugabe: SAUS President Mbulelo Mandlana Prince Mashele Prof Andre Keet
12:00 – 12:30	<b>TEA BREAK/ EXHIBITION</b>	
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Oral feedback and evaluation from participants</b>	
13:00 – 13:30	<b>Summation of the proceedings, closing remarks</b>	Luthando Jack
	<b>Vote of thanks</b>	Bamanye Matiwane: SRC President
14:00 – 14:30	<b>LUNCH, EXHIBITION AND DEPARTURE</b>	

## LUNCHTIME DIALOGUE

(open to all students of the University)  
Chancellor's room • 13:10 – 13:50

	ORGANISATION	TOPIC
<b>DAY ONE</b> 30/07/18	<b>Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality</b>	Unemployed Graduates Program
<b>DAY TWO</b> 31/07/18	<b>Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator</b>	Building youth employability
<b>DAY THREE</b> 01/08/18	<b>Allan Gray Orbis Foundation</b>	Call to the curious.

# AMONGST THE GUEST SPEAKERS



**Prof Sibongile Muthwa**

Vice-Chancellor:  
Nelson Mandela  
University



**Mcebisi Jonas**

Former Deputy  
Minister of Finance



**Hon. Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane**

MEC for Finance,  
Economic  
Development,  
Environmental Affairs  
and Tourism



**Athol Trollip**

CLLR, Mayor of  
Nelson Mandela  
Bay Metropolitan  
Municipality



**Insaaf Isaacs**

Former President of the  
Student Representative  
Council 2012, University  
of Cape Town, Activist



**Prince Mashele**

Political Analyst,  
Centre of Politics  
and Research



**Dr Themba Masondo**

Director for Planning,  
Policy Coordination,  
Monitoring and  
Evaluation  
Gauteng Department  
of Agriculture



**Prof Barry Hanyane**

Public Management &  
Governance, NWU  
Political analyst



**Siv Hesjadal**

Chief Operations Officer  
Eastern Cape Soci  
Economic Consultative  
Council



**Masakhane Mlamla**

Provincial Executive:  
Harambee Youth  
Employment Accelerator



**Prof Somadoda Fikeni**

Director of special  
projects and advisor to  
the Vice Chancellor/  
Principal at UNISA,  
Political Analyst

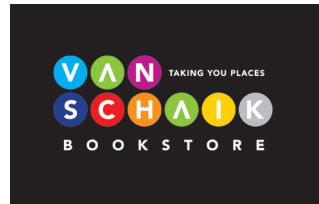


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# EXHIBITORS

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