

PHAPHAMA BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

22 - 25 OCTOBER 2025



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VENUE: CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
THEME: STEAM: Art Deserves the Spotlight

Day 1: Venue preparation and set up.

Day 2: The Transformative Power of Arts and the STEAM Family

Time	Agenda	Speakers
08:00 – 08:40	Arrival & Registration	All Delegates
08:40 – 08:50	Opening Protocols	Mr M Tekateka - Moderator
08:50 – 09:00	National & African Union Anthem	
09:00 – 09:10	Official welcome	Dr MA Maharaswa - St Francis Productions
09:10 – 09:20	Message of Support	Ms N Afrika - CUT Wellness
09:20 – 09:30	Entertainment	
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Address	Dr Sujata Tiwari – Author, Entrepreneur & Social Justice Advocate, Singapore

Knowledge Exchange Sessions

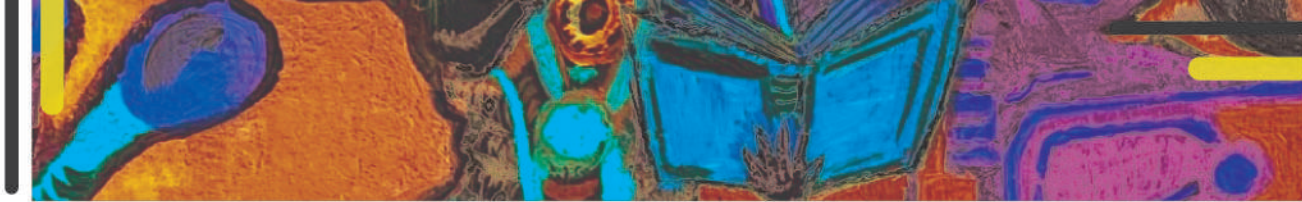
10:00 – 11:00

Panel Discussion

Topic: *Highlighting the Transformative Power of Arts in Life and Careers*

Panelists:

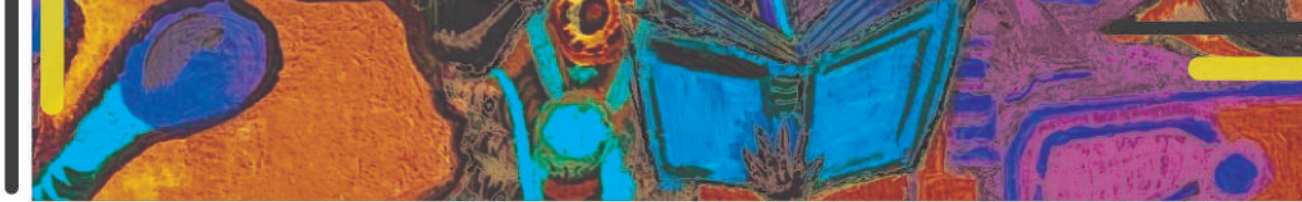
- Dr N Masithela – Spiral Up Coaching
 - Mr AB Raliile - Lesotho Authors Market
 - Ms N Ncube-Mlilo – Phola
 - Mr F Ncube – Fidelity Print Mark Publishers, Botswana
 - Dr J Van Den Berg – Psychiatrist (TBC)
 - Dr M Matobako – Library Information Services,
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Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

11:00 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee Break	Networking
11:30 – 12:30	Masterclass Topic: <i>Recognising the Bond Within the STEAM Family</i>	Mr T Mpekoa – WorldSkills Robotics Expert
12:30 – 12:35	Introduction of Dr Felleng Yende, FP&M SETA CEO	Dr MA Maharaswa – St Francis Productions
12:35 – 13:05	Presentation Topic: <i>Opportunities in the Publishing and Printing Industries</i>	Dr F Yende - FP&M SETA CEO
13:05 – 14:05	Lunch Break	Networking
14:05 – 14:45	Presentation Topic: <i>The Significance of Language in the Preservation of Humanity</i>	Dr Taringa & Ms Dube – Midlands State University, Zimbabwe
14:45 – 15:00	Entertainment	
15:00 – 16:30	Writing Skills Workshop	Mr T Masolane – Acting Deputy Director: Language Services, Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR)
16:30 – 16:05	Closing Remarks	Mr M Tekateka – St Francis Productions Director





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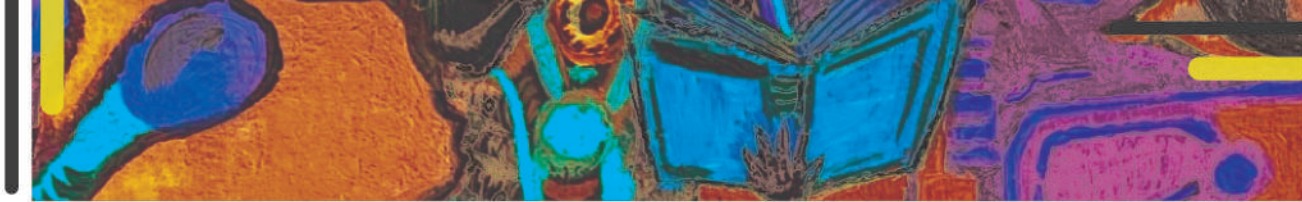
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Day 3: Literary Tour & Book Launch

Tour lead - MEC of Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA); Hon K Makume

Time	Agenda	Speaker/Details
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome & Orientation	Dignitaries and participants
10:00 – 10:30	Travel to First Tour Location	Dignitaries and participants
10:30 – 13:00	Literary Tour & 150 years of Adeleide Tambo Public Library Celebration	MEC of Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	Networking
14:00 – 15:00	Masterclass Topic: <i>Artificial Intelligence Toolkit: A Non-Technical guide for using AI at work.</i>	Dr A Mutono - CEO: AILE Institute
15:00 – 16:50	Exhibition & Networking	Visual artists, Authors, Publishers, and Creative exhibitors
16:50 – 17:00	Vote of thanks	Ms N Afrika - CUT Wellness
17:00 – 18:00	Refresh & Regather	Delegates



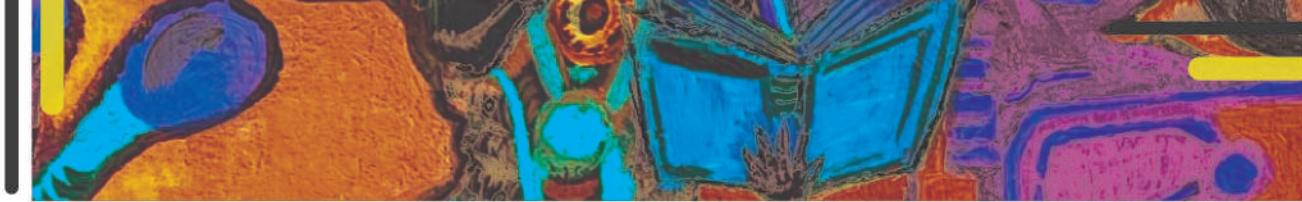


Book Launch Programme

Witness to Power: A Political Memoir by Dr Mathews Phosa Lawyer/Businessman/Politician/Peace Mediator/Philanthropist

18:00 – 18:30	Arrival canapes	All Delegates
18:30 – 18:40	Opening Remarks National & African Union Anthem Welcome Address - Cllr G Nthatisi; Mangaung Metro Executive Mayor Reflections - Prof Philippe Burger Dean: Economic and Management Sciences, University of the Free State	
18:40 – 18:45	Entertainment	
18:45 – 18:50	Introduction of Author	Hon. D Mance - Free State MEC of Public Works and Infrastructure
18:50 – 19:00	Author's Address	Dr Mathews Phosa
19:00 – 19:15	In Conversation with Dr Mathews Phosa	Dr MA Maharaswa - Moderator
19:15 – 19:40	Audience interactions with the author	
19:40 – 20:10	Dinner	
20:10 – 20:30	Vote of Thanks & Group Photos	Ms. NK Maharaswa - St Francis Productions





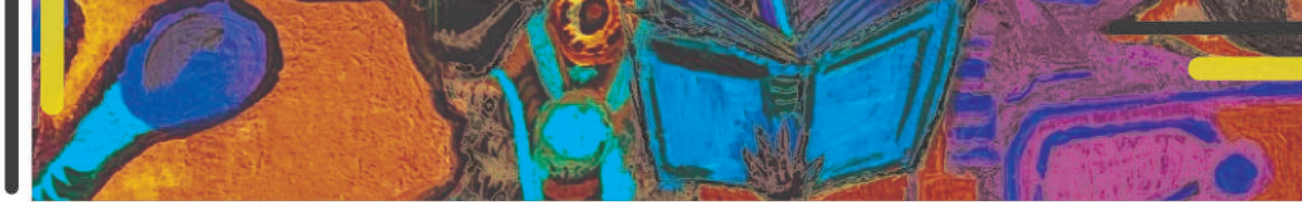
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VENUE: CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Time	Session	Details
07:30 – 08:00	Registration	Participating Schools
08:00 – 08:30	Welcome & Introduction	Opening remarks and outline of the day's structure
08:30 – 10:00	Round 1: Opening Debate	Teams face off in the first public debate
10:00 – 11:30	Round 2	Preparation Session & Debate Match
11:30 – 13:00	Round 3	Preparation Session & Debate Match
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:30 – 16:00	Round 4	Preparation Session & Debate Match
16:00 – 17:00	Closing	Reflection, Acknowledgements & Prize Giving





Day 4: Business Breakfast Talk
VENUE: Central University of Technology
MC: Mrs Pearl Lebuso

Time	Session	Speaker/Details
9:30 – 10:00	Arrival and Registration	All Delegates
10:00 – 10:05	Opening Protocols	Mrs Pearl Lebuso
10:05 – 10:15	Introduction of Speaker of the Day	Dr MA Maharaswa: St Francis Productions
10:10 – 11:30	Presentation Topic: <i>Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Mental Well-being</i>	Dr Sujata Tiwari: Author, Entrepreneur & Social Justice Advocate, Singapore
11:30 – 12:00	Brunch	Networking
12:00 – 13:00	Narrative Therapy Session	Ms Ncazelo Ncube-Mlilo: International Award-winning Narrative therapist
13:00 – 13:15	Closing Remarks	Ms Nthutsoa Maharaswa: St Francis Productions

