

# NRF Next Generation and Emerging Researchers SYMPOSIUM



## PROGRAMME

**Conference Theme:** “Research for a Better Society”

**Venue:** Birchwood Hotel & OR Tambo Conference Centre **Venue Room:** Acacia

**Wednesday, 23 October 2024:** Day 1

DAY 1: 23 October 2024		
Arrival and registration		12:00-14:00
Welcome Remarks	<b>Dr Fulufhelo Nelwamondo:</b> Chief Executive Officer of National Research Foundation (NRF)	14:00-14:30
Opening Plenary	<b>Mr Imraan Patel:</b> Deputy Director General Department of Science, Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI)	14:30-15:00
Invited Speaker	“Innovation and Entrepreneurship” <b>Prof Keolebogile Motaung</b> (CEO of Global Health Biotech)	15:00-15:40
Invited Speaker	“Fostering research integrity” <b>Dr Lyn Horn</b> (UCT)	15:40-16:20
Sponsor Session	Advanced Lab Solutions	16:20-16:30
<b>Break</b>		16:30-17:30
<b>Poster Viewing Session, Networking &amp; Cocktail Dinner (Phomolong)</b>		17:30-21:30

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**Thursday, 24 October 2024:** Day 2

DAY 2: 24 October 2024		
Arrival		08:00-08:30
Invited Speaker	“Research Impact” <b>Dr Genevieve Simpson</b> (NRF)	08:30-09:10
Invited Speaker	“USAf Thuso Resources and Thuso Connect” <b>Prof Stephanie Burton</b> (USAf)	09:10-09:50
Sponsor Session	<b>Carl Zeiss</b>	09:50-10:00
<b>Tea Break</b>		10:00-10:30
<b>Breakaway Sessions (Oral presentations)</b>		
<b>S1: Health Innovation</b>	10:30-12:30	<b>S2: Agriculture</b> (Venue Room: Silverleaf) 10:30-12:30
<b>Lunch Break</b>		12:40-13:30
<b>S3: Energy Innovation</b>	13:30-14:30	<b>S4: Manufacturing</b> (Venue Room: Silverleaf) 13:30-14:30
Invited Speaker	“Science engagement and communication” <b>Dr Mamoeletsi Mosia</b> (NRF)	14:35-15:15
<b>Tea Break</b>		15:15-15:30
<b>S5: Digital Economy</b>	Oral presentations 15:30-16:50	
<b>Sponsor Session</b>	<b>Scientific and Precision Solution</b> 16:50-17:00	
<b>Gala Dinner - Venue Room: Serengeti</b>		18:00-22:00



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**Friday, 25 October 2024:** Day 3

DAY 3: 24 October 2024		
Arrival		08:00-08:30
Invited Speaker	<i>"Research Commercialisation"</i> <b>Mr Dayanandan Naidoo</b> (TIA)	08:30-09:15
Invited Speaker	<i>"Research and Intellectual Property Management"</i> <b>Mr Thabang Qumza</b> (UJ)	09:15-10:00
Invited Speaker	<i>"Spotting New Horizons: Emerging Global Research Trends"</i> <b>Ms Tracey October-Vilakazi</b> (Clarivate)	10:00-10:45
<b>Tea Break</b>		10:45-11:15
Invited Speaker	<i>"Presidential PhD Programme"</i> <b>Dr Sepo Hachigonta</b> (NRF)	11:00-11:20
Panel Discussion	<i>"NRF Success Stories"</i> <b>Prof Hope Magidimisha-Chipungu:</b> UKZN SARCHI Chair <b>Dr Jan Buys:</b> UCT NRF P-Rated Researcher <b>Dr Mbulelo Ncango:</b> NRF	11:20-11:50
Facilitator: <b>Nontokoza Kunene</b> (NRF)		
Panel Discussion	<i>"NRF Strategic Partnerships"</i> <b>Dr Bulelwa Keke:</b> SASOL Foundation <b>Dr Maphuti Madiga:</b> DSTI <b>Mr Nyiko Hlekane:</b> National Skills Fund (NSF) <b>Ms Ntandokazi Nodada:</b> Energy Mobility Education Trust (EMET) <b>Mr Sam Rametse:</b> British Council	11:50 – 12:45
Facilitator: <b>Dr Sepo Hachigonta</b> (NRF)		
Closing Session	<b>Dr Gugu Moche</b> (Acting DCEO: RIISA and Group Executive: Digital Transformation)	12:45-13:00
<b>Lunch and Departure</b>		



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