



# **Nursing the Future: Workforce, Wellbeing and Sustainability**



## **6<sup>th</sup> African Nursing Conference**

**30 – 31 July 2026**

**Crown of Tshwane Hotel  
Pretoria, Gauteng**

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## **Conference Programme**

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## Draft Programme

Day 1 Thursday – 30 July 2026

| Theme: The Nursing Strategy for South Africa                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |
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| TIME                                                                                                                                                   | TOPIC                                                                                                                      | PRESENTER(S)                                                                                                              |
| 07:30 – 08:45                                                                                                                                          | Registration and coffee                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                           |
| 08:45 – 09:15                                                                                                                                          | Welcome and introductory remarks                                                                                           | Prof Sharon Vasuthevan<br><i>Conference Chairperson -<br/>Healthcare Consultant</i>                                       |
| Session 1: Shaping Nursing Policy for a Sustainable Future<br>Session Chairperson: Mrs Annatjie Peters – FPD Nursing lead                              |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |
| 09:15 – 10:00                                                                                                                                          | Opening keynote: The Nursing Strategy for South Africa                                                                     | NDOH                                                                                                                      |
| 10:00 – 10:30                                                                                                                                          | Regulatory policy shaping the future of nursing                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |
| 10:30 – 11:00                                                                                                                                          | Break                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                           |
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| Session 2: Understanding the Policy Lands<br>Session Chairperson: Dr Nthuseni Murudi Manganye – Conference Co-chair                                    |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |
| 11:00 – 11:30                                                                                                                                          | Developing enabling policy for healthcare                                                                                  |                                                                                                                           |
| Panel discussion on nursing policy<br>Facilitator: Dr Gloria Maimela – FPD CEO                                                                         |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |
| 11:30 – 12:30                                                                                                                                          | Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NDOH</li><li>Mr Simon Hlungwane<br/><i>President<br/>DENOSA</i></li></ul> |                                                                                                                           |
| 12:30 – 13:15                                                                                                                                          | Lunch                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                           |
| Session3: Leading Change: Education, Practice, and Healthcare for the Future<br>Session Chairperson: Dr Nthuseni Murudi Manganye – Conference Co-chair |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |
| 13:15 – 13:45                                                                                                                                          | Significant changes and best practices in nursing education                                                                | Ms Andile Mafilika<br>Campus Manager<br>Netcare Education<br><br>Ms Vanitha Ramiah<br>Campus Manager<br>Netcare Education |



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| 13:45 – 14:15                                                                                                                                                 | Abstract Presentation                  |                                                                             |
| 14:45 – 15:15                                                                                                                                                 | Tea                                    |                                                                             |
| Session 4: Influencing Nursing Policy<br>Session Chairperson: Ms Cindy MeninoConference Co-chair Manager: Faculty of Nursing & Ancillary Healthcare - Netcare |                                        |                                                                             |
| 15:15 – 15:45                                                                                                                                                 | Private sector perspective on NHI      | Ms Lizeth Kruger<br>Clinic Executive<br>Dischem                             |
| 15:45 – 16:15                                                                                                                                                 | Primary Health Care perspective on NHI | Dr Mpho Moshime-Shabangu<br>Deputy Manager<br>TDoH                          |
| 16:15 – 16:30                                                                                                                                                 | Closure of Day 1                       | Prof Sharon Vasuthevan<br>Conference Chairperson –<br>Healthcare Consultant |

## Day 2 Friday – 31 July 2026

| Theme: Investing In Nursing                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                         |
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| 09:00 – 09:10                                                                                                                                                                         | Recap of Day 1<br>Session Chairperson: Ms Cindy MeninoConference Co-chair Manager: Faculty of Nursing & Ancillary Healthcare - Netcare                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                         |
| 09:10 – 09:40                                                                                                                                                                         | Impact of AI and Digitization on Nursing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Prof Jennifer Chipps: Digital Health SARCHI Chair - UWC |
| 09:40 – 10:10                                                                                                                                                                         | An integrated approach to nursing education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Dr Kobie Marais<br>Director: Nursing Education - NDOH   |
| 10:10 – 10:30                                                                                                                                                                         | CPD Implementation Progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Dr Charlotte Langa<br>Senior Manager: CPD - SANC        |
| 10:30 – 11:00                                                                                                                                                                         | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                         |
| 11:00 – 11:30                                                                                                                                                                         | Abstract Presentation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                         |
| Panel Discussion on Solutions for Nursing Education in South Africa<br>Facilitator: Ms Cindy Menino - Conference Co-chair, Manager: Faculty of Nursing & Ancillary Healthcare Netcare |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                         |
| 11:30 – 12:30                                                                                                                                                                         | Panelists:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prof Jennifer Chipps - Digital Health SARCHI Chair - UWC</li><li>Dr Kobie Marais - Director: Nursing Education - NDOH</li><li>Dr Charlotte Langa - Manager: CPD SANC</li><li>Dr Sindi Mthembu - Principal: KZN College of Nursing and Chairperson CPAASA</li></ul> |                                                         |
| 12:30 – 13:15                                                                                                                                                                         | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                         |
| Session 5: Empowering and Retaining Africa’s Nurses<br>Session Chair: Prof Sharon Vasuthevan                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                         |
| 13:15 – 13:45                                                                                                                                                                         | The Ubuntu Model as a retention and wellness strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Prof Mavis Mulaudzi                                     |



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|                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                   | Senior nursing scholar & researcher          |
| 13:45 – 14:15                                                         | Abstract Presentation                                                                                                                             |                                              |
| 14:45 – 15:15                                                         | Tea                                                                                                                                               |                                              |
| Session 6: Empowerment of Nurses<br>Session Chair: Ms Annatjie Peters |                                                                                                                                                   |                                              |
| 15:15 – 15:45                                                         | Listening and responding to nurses:<br><br>Nurse outcomes, patient safety and quality of care in the public and private hospitals of South Africa | Prof Siedine Coetzee<br>Senior Lecturer: NWU |
| 15:45 – 16:15                                                         | Empowered nurses build empowered teams                                                                                                            | Dr Lizelle Crous<br>Senior Lecturer: WITS    |
| 16:15 – 16:30                                                         | Summary & closure of conference                                                                                                                   | Mrs Annatjie Peters<br>FPD: Nursing lead     |