



Nursing the Future: Workforce, Wellbeing and Sustainability



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Conference Programme

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Day 1: Thursday, 30 July 2026

Theme: The Nursing Strategy for South Africa		
TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
07:30 – 08:45	Arrival and registration	
08:45 – 09:00	Entertainment	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and opening remarks	Prof Sharon Vasuthevan, Conference Chairperson, Healthcare Consultant
Session 1: Shaping Nursing Policy for a Sustainable Future Session Chairperson: Mrs Annatjie Peters – FPD Nursing lead		
09:15 – 09:40	Opening keynote: The nursing strategy for South Africa	Dr Kobie Marais, National Department of Health Director: Nursing Education and Training
09:40 – 10:00	Regulatory policy shaping the future of nursing	Prof Lufuno Makhado, University of Venda Professor: Department of Public Health
10:00 – 10:10	Q&A	
10:10 – 10:30	Poster Presentations and Exhibition	
10:30 – 11:00	TEA	
Session 2: Understanding the Policy Landscape Session Chairperson: Dr Gloria Maimela – FPD CEO		
11:00 – 11:30	Developing enabling policy for healthcare	Dr Sue Armstrong, University of the Witwatersrand Senior Lecturer in Nursing
Panel Discussion: Nursing Policy		
11:30 – 12:30	Dr Kobie Marais, National Department of Health, Director: Nursing Education Prof Lufuno Makhado, University of Venda, Professor: Department of Public Health	Mr Simon Hlungwani, DENOSA, President Dr Sue Armstrong, University of the Witwatersrand, Senior Lecturer in Nursing
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch / Poster and Exhibition Viewing	
Session 3: Leading Change: Education, Practice, and Healthcare for the Future Session Chairperson: Dr Nthuseni Murudi Manganye – Conference Co-chair		
13:30 – 13:45	Significant changes and best practices in nursing education	Mr Andile Maflika, Netcare Education, Campus Manager
13:45 – 14:00		Dr Vanitha Ramiah, Netcare Education, Campus Manager
14:00 – 14:10	Q&A	
14:10 – 14:55, Oral Abstract Presentation		
14:10 – 14:20	Dr Moleboge Chabedi – Development of a clinical leadership-mentoring framework for nurse managers in mental health care settings.	
14:20 – 14:30	Mrs Lizelle Potgieter – Developing guidelines for teaching, learning, and assessment of the affective domain in undergraduate nursing education: a consensus study.	
14:30 – 14:40	Dr Nomvula Skhosana – Implementing quality in hospitals – stakeholders’ roles: A qualitative social network analysis.	
14:40 – 14:55	Q&A	
14:55 – 15:15	Tea / Poster and Exhibition Viewing	

Session 4: Influencing Nursing Policy Session Chairperson: Ms Cindy Menino - Conference Co-chair Netcare - Manager: Faculty of Nursing & Ancillary Healthcare		
15:15 – 15:45	Private sector perspective on NHI	Ms Lizeth Kruger , Dis-Chem, Clinic Executive
15:45 – 16:15	Primary health care perspective on NHI	Dr Mpho Moshime-Shabangu , Tshwane Health District Deputy Manager, Primary Health Care Service
16:15 – 16:20	Q&A	
16:20 – 16:30	Closure of Day 1	Prof Sharon Vasuthevan , Conference Chairperson, Healthcare Consultant

Poster Presentations

Track 1: Empowering and Retaining Africa's Nurses			
PAPER	PRESENTING AUTHORS	ORGANISATION	TITLE
24	Dr Kapari Mashao	University of Pretoria	Components to include in a program to facilitate the transition of novice nurses in emergency departments.
2	Dr Kapari Mashao	University of Pretoria	Perceived support needs of novice nurses working in emergency departments of selected public hospitals in Tshwane, South Africa.

Track 2: Investing in Nurses			
12	Ms Nesisa Ngwenya	Clinix Health Group	Evidence Based Practice for the Roll Out of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in a Private Healthcare Group.
14	Mrs Babalwa Tau	North-West University	Prioritizing key interventions to improve nurse outcomes in hospital settings: A Modified Delphi Study.
21	Prof Leepile Sehularo	North-West University	Challenges experienced by newly employed nurse educators during transition from being expert clinicians to novice nurse educators.

Track 3: Shaping Nursing Policy for a Sustainable Future			
0	Ms Mapaseka Nkomonde	Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital	Exploring Nurses' Challenges in Implementing Smoking Policies in a Tertiary Psychiatric Hospital in Gauteng Province, South Africa.
5	Mrs Jacqueline Makale-Mashigo	Netcare Education	New mothers' experiences of breastfeeding immediately post caesarean section at a Gauteng hospital.
27	Ms Thokozile Ramoroko	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University	Workplace Safety, Union Engagement, and Interprofessional Collaboration in Rural South African Community Health Centres: A Sequential Explanatory Mixed-Methods Study.



Day 2: Friday, 31 July 2026

Theme: Investing In Nursing

09:00 – 09:10		Recap of Day 1 Session Chairperson: Dr Nthuseni Murudi Manganye – Conference Co-chair	
TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER	
09:10 – 09:30	Impact of AI and digitization on nursing.	Prof Jennifer Chipps, Digital Health University of Western Cape, SARChi Chair	
09:30 – 09:50	An integrated approach to nursing education.	Dr Lerato Luvhengo, National Department of Health Deputy Director: Nursing Education and Training	
09:50 – 10:10	CPD implementation progress.	Dr Charlotte Langa, South African Nursing Council Senior Manager: CPD	
10:10 – 10:20	Q&A		
10:20 – 10:45	Poster Presentations and Exhibition		
10:45 – 11:00	TEA		
11:00 – 11:30 Abstract Presentation			
11:00 – 11:10	Mr Sibonelo Ndlovu – Development of a theory for nurse’s induction to holistic care of people from sexual and gender minority groups.		
11:10 – 11:20	Ms Busisiwe Sibiya – “The beds were not available”: A qualitative study on key informants’ perspectives of the ethical dilemmas faced by nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa.		
11:20 – 11:30	Q&A		
Panel Discussion: Solutions for Nursing Education in South Africa Facilitator: Ms Cindy Menino – Conference Co-chair Netcare – Manager: Faculty of Nursing & Ancillary Healthcare			
11:30 – 12:05	Prof Jennifer Chipps, University of Western Cape: SARCHI Chair Dr Lerato Luvhengo, National Department of Health – Deputy Director: Nursing Education and Training	Dr Charlotte Langa, South African Nursing Council, Senior Manager: CPD	
12:05 – 12:15	Q&A		
12:15 – 12:30	Impact of the changes in nursing education at a public nursing college.	Dr Sindile Mthembu, KZN College of Nursing Principal and Chairperson CPAASA	
12:30 – 12:45	Heat-Health training for frontline health workers: Lessons learned for sustainable scale-up.	Dr Gloria Maimela, Foundation for Professional Development – CEO	
12:45 – 12:55	Q&A		
12:55 – 13:00	GROUP PHOTO		
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch / Poster and Exhibition Viewing		
Session 5: Empowering and Retaining Africa’s Nurses Session Chair: Prof Sharon Vasuthevan – Conference Chairperson			
13:45 – 14:00	The Ubuntu Model as a retention and wellness strategy.	Prof Mavis Mulaudzi University of Pretoria Professor of nursing	

14:00 – 14:30, Oral Abstract Presentation	
14:00 – 14:10	Miss Nomthandazo Nangu – Sustaining African Nursing: Leadership, Workforce Wellbeing, and Health System Strengthening in a Changing Landscape.
14:10 – 14:20	Ms Pamela Jwili – A Nurse-Led Telemedicine Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) Model: Improving Access, Engagement, and Glycaemic Outcomes in Chronic Diabetes Care.
14:20 – 14:30	Q&A
14:30 – 14:50	TEA

Session 6: Empowerment of Nurses Session Chair: Ms Annatjie Peters – FPD Nursing lead		
14:50 – 15:10	Listening and responding to nurses: Nurse outcomes, patient safety and quality of care in the public and private hospitals of South Africa.	Prof Siedine Coetzee m, Tier I South African Research Chair in Nursing Science
15:10 – 15:30	Empowered nurses build empowered teams.	Dr Lizelle Crous , Shabangu,University of Witwatersrand Senior Lecturer
15:30 – 15:40	Q&A	
15:40 – 15:55	Key takeaways	Ms Cindy Menino , Conference Co-chair
15:55 – 16:00	Closing remarks	Mrs Annatjie Peters Nursing lead: FPD

Poster Presentations

Track 4: Leading Change: Policy, Practice, and Healthcare of the Future			
PAPER	PRESENTING AUTHORS	ORGANISATION	TITLE
19	Mrs Fikile Mdamba	Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI)	Understanding the determinants and pathways of treatment delays for patients with multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis in rural Kwa-Zulu-natal, South Africa.
8	Ms Nobom Nini	Siphethubomi health care services	Leading change in healthcare positioning Nurses as innovators, driving policy practise and equity.
11	Dr Lwandile Tokwe	University Of Cape Town	Bridging gaps in rural nursing: care pathway for managing patients living with HIV and Tuberculosis co-infection in South Africa.
28	Ms Thandiswa Mdaka	Department Of Health	Leadership Commitment and Supportive Supervision to improve patient decanting rates at KTC Clinic, Ingquza Sub-District, OR Tambo District.
7	Mrs Masego Makwakwa	University of Johannesburg	The Model that Facilitates the Sustainability of Social Justice in Nursing: A Meta-Synthesis.
25	Mrs Esther Modise	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University	Factors Associated with vulvovaginal candidiasis Among female students attending the health clinic at a University in Gauteng.
22	Mrs Mhloti Eunice Shi-mange	University Of Pretoria	Perspectives of Registered Nurses in Involving the Family Members of MHCUs Admitted in Specialized Mental Health Establishments in Limpopo Province, South Africa.



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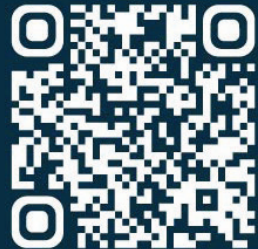


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