

Draft Programme

THE 59th ANNUAL SASBCP CONFERENCE 2026

Hosted by the Department of Pharmacology at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

Inclusivity, Innovation, and Internationalisation for Integrative Medicine: Pharmacology at the Forefront

September 7 – 9, 2026
Director General (DG) side event

13:00 – 14:00	Led: Prof Matsabisa AMIDT Team	Tour of AMITD Laboratories	Comment: DG and DSTI staff UFS senior Management Led by Dean FOHS Other delegates are interested (Need check and confirm protocol)
14:30 - 15:30	Prof Vasu Reddy: DV- Research and Postgraduate Research	Meeting DG with UFS Senior Management	Venue: James Moroka Metro 4



Day 1: 7 September 2026

Registrations

12:00 – 20:00 Venue: James Mokora Building, UFS, Bloemfontein campus

Helpdesk open: 10:00 - 20:00

Time	VENUE: Metro 4	Facilitator: ??????????????
	Panellists	
16:00-18:00	Donna Kerrige (New Zealand) – Gordon Little-Tito and Carmyn@info@kawacure (Tentative & TBC) (New Zealand)	
	Dr Vivian T Camacho Hinojosa (Bolivia)	
	Dr Memela Makiwane (Clinical Pharmacologist)	
	Mr Bruce Mbedzi, Director: Traditional Medicine, National Department of Health	
	Prof Ossy Kasilo – Tanzania	
	Prof Quan Wei - Hospital of Shaanxi University of Chinese Medicine, Deputy Director Pharmacist	
	Dr Tobi Ayodele Keeney – Nigeria	
	Ms Thobeka Kentane / Ms Amanda Gcabashe -South Africa	

Opening Programme and Dinner
19:00 - 21:00

Programme Director	Dr Glen James Taylor	Venue: Centenary Hall
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18:00 – 21:00	Welcome Address: Head of the School of Clinical Medicine	Prof Nicholas Pearce	
	Welcome Address: Dean of the Faculty of Health Science	Prof. Deliwe Phetlhu	
	Welcome Address: DVC-Academic	Prof Anthea Rhoda	
	Welcome Address: DVC-Research and Postgraduate Studies	Prof Vasu Reddy	
	Musical item		
	Welcome address by VC and Principal	Prof Hester Klopper VC and Principal	
	Word from DDG DOH	Dr Jeannette Hunter DDG NDOH	
	Word from DG DSTI	Dr Mlungisi Cele	
	Musical item		
	SASBCP President	Prof. Mmamoshedi Madiba (Mothibe)	
	Opening Remarks by the SASBCP 2026 Conference Host and Introduction of the theme of the conference	Prof. Motlalepula Gilbert Matsabisa	
	Guest speaker	Ms Sheenaz El Halabi -SA WR	

DINNER (Centenary Complex)



DAY 2: 8 September 2026

Health Innovations and Global Horizons		Venue: Metro 7
Session chairperson: Professor Mottalepula Matsabisa		
08:00-08:40	Keynote: Transformation and Trans disciplinarity in Research – The Decadal Plan	Dr Mlungisi Cele: DG DSTI
08:40-09:05	Keynote: Sustained Innovation Towards Integrated Person-Cantered Care	Ms Jeanette Hunter: DDG NDoH
09:05-09:30	Keynote: WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy: Role of Research	Dr Shyma Kuruvilla WHO Geneva (Virtual):
09:30-09:55	Keynote: The WHO Global Traditional Medicine - Findings	Dr Geetha Krishnan – GTMC WHO India
09:55-10:20	Keynote: Integrative Oncology: Case of Havelhöhe Hospital, Berlin, Germany	Prof Schad Friedemann
10:20-10:30 (10 min)	Q&A	

TEA BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING
10:30-11:00



PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION 1

Basic Pharmacology: Non-communicable and Communicable diseases**Venue:** Metro 4**Session Chairperson:** Dr Kulani Mhlongo**11:00 - 13:00****Session Speakers****Plenary 1a:** Prof Pulok Mukherjee**Plenary 1b:** Prof Wang Bin: Innovative Research and Industrial Development of Traditional Chinese Medicine: Practice and Reflections from China-Africa Cooperation to the Integration of the "Dual Chains"**Prof Orabueze Ifeoma Celestina**: Neuropharmacological effects of a daily African soup vegetable *Corchorus olitorius* leaf: In vitro Antioxidant and acetylcholinesterase and in vivo cognitive assays**Ms Mmapula Raseasala** - *In-vitro* mechanistic investigation of Manayimmune extracts on immunomodulatory and antidiabetic effects.**Dr Rudrani Bhowmik**: Histamine H1 Receptor Modulation and Mast Cell Stabilization by Ayurvedic Polyherbal Formulations in Experimental Allergic Rhinitis
Zelefack Adeline**K.M.P. Mokatse**: GC-MS-Based Preliminary Phytochemical Characterisation of *Pyrenacantha grandiflora* Root Extracts Reveals Bioactive Compounds with Promising Pharmacological Potential

PARALLEL SESSION 2

Clinical Pharmacology: Non-communicable and Communicable diseases**Venue:** Multilingual Building Conference Hall A**Session Chairperson:** Dr Tsakani Rasekanya**11:00 – 13:00****Session Speakers****Plenary 2a:** Dr Veshni Pillay- Fuentes Lorente:**Plenary2b:** Prof Paul Waako (Virtual)**Speakers:**

Prof David Katerere

Dr Tobi Ayodele Keeney

PARALLEL SESSION 3

African Traditional and Complementary Medicine**Venue:** Multilingual Building Conference Hall B

Session Chairperson: Dr Mokgohlwe Mangoato

11:00 – 13:00**Plenary 3a: Dr Molalegne Bitew**: Quality evaluation of cephalexin, cefuroxime, and ceftriaxone medicines marketed in Addis Ababa city, Ethiopia with three tier level approach and anti-microbial assays**Plenary 3b:** Prof Ossy Kasilo**Session Speakers:**

Prof Kensese Mossanda

Ms Aoate Oteng Tsimatsima: Endophytes in African potato as an alternative source of bioactive compounds

Dr Hafiza Parker

Dr Kopang Mokhetso: Formulation, Optimisation, Physicochemical Characterisation of *Cannabis Sativa* L. Loaded Massage**Dr Diadelis Reminez**: Main regulatory challenges for drug development: A view from Cuba**Zelefack Adeline Yemnai** : *In vitro* Antiplasmodial Activity of *Dicoma anomala* Sond. Root extract, fractions and isolated Compounds.

LUNCH AND POSTER VIEWING
13:00 – 14:00

PARALLEL SESSION 4

Basic Pharmacology: Non-communicable and Communicable diseases

Venue: Metro 4

Session Chairperson: Prof Vanessa Steenkamp

14:15 - 15:30

Plenary 4a: Dr. K P Vinayan – Cannabis and epilepsy (ILAE)

Plenary 4b: Prof Fernao Braga

Session Speakers:

Ms Karabo Thafene:

Dr Ibeabuchi Ali: *In vitro* evaluation of antidiabetic activity of *Cannabis sativa* inflorescence from the South African landraces on Selected Diabetes Therapeutic Targets

ENANG II EDIE Brice Junior: Glycosylated Polyphenols from *Alchornea cordifolia* Fruits Mitigate Ulcerative Colitis via Oxidative Stress and Inflammatory Pathway Modulation

Mantwampe M Tolo: The investigation of the effects of *Trifolium Burchellianum Ser.* and *Asparagus setaceus* - The development towards cardiovascular disease mitigation particularly in heart failure

PARALLEL SESSION 5

Clinical Pharmacology: Non-communicable and Communicable diseases

Venue: Multilingual Building Conference Hall A

Session Chairperson: Dr Roland van Rensburg

14:15 - 15:30

Plenary 5a: Prof Paul Mondipa: Mycotoxins, Pesticides and Heavy Metals in Cameroonian Food: A Public Health Challenge for Integrative and Inclusive Medicine in Africa

Plenary 5b: Prof Mariana Cabral Schweitzer (Virtual) Prof Mariana Cabral Schweitzer: Medical Cannabis Evidence map

Session Speakers:

Prof David Katerere

Dr Tobi Ayodele Keeney:

Cassius Phogole : Population Pharmacokinetics of Plasma Tenofovir and Intracellular Tenofovir-Diphosphate in a South African Population: Exposure-Response Analysis

PARALLEL SESSION 6

African Traditional and Complementary Medicine

Venue: Multilingual Building Conference Hall B

Session Chairperson: Prof Mmamoshedi Madiba

14:15 - 15:30

Plenary 3a:

Plenary 3b: Prof Ricardo Gelhman

Session Speakers:

Prof Kensese Mossanda

Dr Yahaya Hills Kagali Sekaggya: From Policy to Practice: Pharmacological, Regulatory Barriers to Integrating Safe, Effective Traditional Medicine into National Health Systems in East Africa

Dr Neil Gower

Young Pharmacologists (10 min presentation & 5 min Q&A/presentation)
15:30 - 16:45

SASBCP Annual General Meeting (AGM)
17:00 – 18:00

Young Pharmacologist Fun Event (Quiz Night)
19:00-21:00

Dinner
18:00 – 21:00

Day 3: 9 September 2026

Current developments in Pharmacology and Traditional

Session chairperson: Dr Rev Lehlohonolo Mathibe

08:00-08:25	Keynote: Preclinical Development of Product Nkabinde for Management of HIV Management	Prof Nceba Gqaleni
08:25-08:50	Keynote: Bridging the Gap in African Healthcare	
08:50-09:15	Keynote: Expecting competence, yet evaluating applause and understanding: The outcome-measurement problem in pharmacology education	Prof Werner Cordier
09:15-09:40	Keynote: Health Medicine – Salutogenesis approach to health and healing	Prof Georg Seifret
09:40-10:00	Q&A	

TEA BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING
10:00 – 10:30



PARALLEL SESSION 7**Experimental Pharmacology and Drug Discovery****Venue:** Metro 4**Session Chairperson:** Dr Jacqueline Manjia Njikam**10:30 - 13:00****Plenary 7a:** Dr Kofi Donkor**Plenary 7b:** Nqobile Mkolo**Session Speakers****Dr Samuel Obakiro:** Moving a natural product from the Community to the Clinic: A case of Ugandan Tazcov™ herbal product**Prof Nico Frederic Njau:** Preclinical Evidence Supporting Khaya grandifoliola C.DC as a Promising Source of Bioactive Agents against hepatitis and Alzheimer's disease**Ms. Thembelihle Nxasana:** Investigating the in-vitro apoptotic effects of Aloe vera gel extract and its fractions in Colorectal cancer cell lines**Dr JBM Seeletse:** Development of a Novel Nanophytomedicine for Potential Enhanced Antiviral Activities against HIV-1 and SARS-CoV-2**PARALLEL SESSION 8****Clinical Pharmacology: Drug safety monitoring****Venue:** Metro 1**Session Chairperson:** Dr Enkosi Mondleki**10:30 - 13:00****Plenary 5a:** Dr. Bradley Browne**Plenary 5b: Prof Sumeet Goel:** Pioneering Integrative Health: Reverse Pharmacology and Policy Innovations in India's Traditional Medicine Sector**Session Speakers:****Dr Corinne R. Ngameko:** Pharmacological Potential of *Spathodea campanulata* against *Helicobacter pylori***Rasakanya TL:** Impact of Oral Hyperglycaemic Drugs on Arterial stiffness and Inflammatory Biomarkers in Black South African Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Influence of Hypertension Status**Dr Sarah Magnus:** The development of a LC-MS/MS method for the detection and quantification of rifampicin and its metabolite, 25-desacetyl-rifampicin, in saliva**L. N. Katende-Kyenda:** Patient-Drug related factors associated with non-adherence to chronic treatment in patients attending a primary healthcare setting in South Africa**PARALLEL SESSION 9****Medicine Regulation****Venue:** Metro 7**Session Chairperson:** Dr Hlupheka Chabalala**10:30 - 13:00****Plenary 3a:** Dr Boitumelo Semete ZA**Plenary 3b: Prof Quan Wei:** Technology Empowerment: Revitalizing Traditional Hospitals through China-Africa Cooperation in Traditional Medicine**Session Speakers:**

Dr Yvonne Adu-Boahen – Head Clinical Trials Department Ghana FDA (Virtual)

Ms Kesolofetse Samson – BOMRA Botswana

Dr Diadelis Reminez – CECMED Integration of Traditional medicine in Cuban Health System

Dr Marina Leal – Brazil

Advocate Connie Sefo

LUNCH AND POSTER VIEWING**13:00 – 14:00**

PARALLEL SESSION 10

Pharmacogenomics and personalised therapies

Venue: Metro 4

Session Chairperson: Prof Mamello Sekhoacha

14:00 - 16:15

Plenary 10a: Prof Phumla Sinxadi

Plenary 10b: Dr Diadelis Reminez – Personalized Medicine: Regulatory Implementation in Cuba

Session Speakers

Dr Asfaw Debella: Interdisciplinary Efforts on the investigation of *Moringa stenpetala* (Haleko): Experiences and Lessons learned through One Health-Ecohealth Approach

Dr Jennifer Nambooz: Neuroprotective Potential of Winterized *Cannabis sativa* Ethanolic Extract Through Cholinesterase Inhibition

Ms Nandi Ngesi: ABCC1 and ABCC10 as Predictive Biomarkers of Docetaxel Treatment Response in Prostate Cancer

PARALLEL SESSION 11

Vaccine, Molecular Pharmacology & Veterinary Pharmacology

Venue: Metro 1

Session Chairperson: Prof Rose Hayeshi

14:00 - 16:15

Plenary 11a: Prof Petro Terblanche

Plenary 5b: Prof Nene Qekwana

Session Speakers:

Dr Rosa Mhlanga Chinheya (Virtual): Bioassay-Guided Fractionation and Characterization of Constituents from *Cannabis sativa* for their Potential Cholinesterase Inhibitory Activities

Dr Kolawole A. Olofinisan: Antiproliferative Mechanistic Efficacy of Extract and Silver Nanoparticles of Cannabis sativa Leaf on A549 Lung Cancer Cells: A Comparative Study

Prof. Paul Fewou MOUNDIPA: From Cameroonian Medicinal Plants to Antiviral Drug Candidates: An Integrative Pharmacological Approach for Arboviruses and Hepatitis

PARALLEL SESSION 12

TCIH Coalition Session 12

Venue: Metro 7

14:00 - 16:15

Plenary 12a: Dr Niel Gower

Plenary 12b: Dr Hlupheka Chabalala

Session Speakers:

Prof Ossy Mugaga Kasilo

Ms Elisa Baldini

College AGM (16:30-	
GALA DINNER PROGRAM (SPONSORED) 18:30 - 21:00 NAVAL HILL	
Program Director:	Dr Hiba Boujnah
18:30 – 19:30	Event: Travel into Space – our planetarium
CONFERENCE CLOSING PROGRAM	
Presentation of the Awards	Entertainment –
Remarks by the Faculty/ University	Prof Anthea Rhoda
Young Scientists Poster Awards - Best Analytical Pharmacology (3) - Best Clinical Pharmacology (3)	Dr Hafiza Parker/ Prof Tsoka-Gwegweni / Prof Madiba Dr Hafiza Parker / Prof Rhoda / Prof Sekhoacha Dr Hafiza Parker/ Prof Phetlhu / Prof Matsabisa Dr Hafiza Parker / Prof Pearce / Prof Reddy
Young Scientist Oral Presentation Awards - Best analytical pharmacology (3) - Best Clinical Pharmacology (3)	
The Best Publication Award	
The Honorary Membership Award	Prof Eric Decloedt / Prof Klopper
Remarks by the funders	Dr Hlupheka Chabalala DSTI / Prof Vasu Reddy/ Prof Rene Phetlhu
Closing Message Mayor – Mangaung Metro	Mangaung Executive Mayor: Cllr Gregory Nthatisi
Closing Remarks by the Host	Professor Motlalepula Matsabisa
Speech by the host of the SASBCP 2027 conference	WITS University
Closing Message UFS	Prof Hester Klopers



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