

GLOBAL STUDENT WELL-BEING SUMMIT 2026

STAFF PROGRAMME

DATE
7–10 July 2026

VENUE
Madiba Arena,
South Campus,
University of the
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ARRIVAL AND WELCOMING

7 July 2026

Time	Item	Person
16:30–17:00	Arrival	
17:00–17:10	Opening address	Dr Temba Hlasho, Executive Director: Student Affairs, Sport, Arts and Culture
17:10–17:40	Welcome address	Prof Hester C. Klopper, Vice-Chancellor and Principal
17:40–18:00	Delegation photo	
18:00–19:00	Refreshments	

CONFERENCE DAY 1

8 July 2026

Time	Item	Person
07:45–08:30	Registration	
08:30–08:40	The National Anthem	Odeion School of Music
08:40–08:45	Recap of the Official Welcoming	Desiree Motsele
08:45–08:50	Message of support	Esona Radebe, UFS ISRC President General
08:50–09:00	Message of support: SAASSAP	Jerome September, President: SAASSAP
09:00–09:05	Introduction of the speakers	Dr Molapo Qhobela Deputy Vice Chancellor: Strategic Initiatives, International And Institutional Affairs
09:05–09:25	Message of support	Max Boqwana, CEO Thabo Mbeki Foundation
09:25–09:35	Musical item	Odeion School of Music
09:35–09:55	Breakaway session	Mooketsi 'Pop' Motsisi, Chair: Board of Trustees of the Sishen Iron Ore Community Development Trust and Director on the Board of Airlink
09:55–10:00	Musical item – Poetry	Odeion School of Music
10:00–10:20	Keynote Address: Deputy Minister in the Presidency	Honourable Mmapaseka Steve Letsike Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities.
10:20–10:30	Comfort break	
10:30–14:30	City tour: Bloemfontein Historical Sites	
14:30–15:30	Lunch and networking	

CONFERENCE DAY 1

8 July 2026 (Cocktail Evening for Staff)

Time	Item	Person
18:30–19:00	Arrival	Odeion School of Music
19:00–19:10	Musical item	Odeion School of Music
19:10–19:20	Welcome address	Khwezi Madlala, Chairperson of RiseOn TV Student Association
19:20–19:40	Introduction	Zoleka Dotwana, Director: Student Affairs, Sport, Arts and Culture
19:40–20:00	Message of support	Prof Bulelwa Nguza-Mduba, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: People and Operations
20:00–20:10	Musical item	Odeion School of Music
20:10–20:20	Vote of thanks	Jerry Laka, Director of KovsieSport, Arts, and Culture

CONFERENCE DAY 2

9 July 2026

Time	Item	Person
08:00–08:25	Registration	
08:25–08:30	Welcome address	Malefetsane Motsoeneng
08:30–09:30	Plenary session	Dr Nontombi Velelo, Lecturer – Faculty of The Humanities
09:30–11:15	Art therapy session	Martie Miranda, Deputy Director, Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support
11:15–11:30	Comfort break	
11:30–13:00	Drama performance	Ugood! Group
13:00–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–15:00	Plenary session	Dr Eugene Buthelezi, Lecturer – Economics and Finance
15:00–20:00	Vrystaat Arts Festival	

CONFERENCE DAY 3

10 July 2026

Time	Item	Person
08:00–09:00	Registration	
09:00–09:10	Welcome address	Malefetsane Motsoeneng
09:10–10:30	Plenary session	Cindy Dickens – Kramer Weihmann Inc.
10:30–12:00	Plenary session	Mr Pura Mgolombane, Executive Director: Student Affairs, University of Cape Town
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
13:00–16:00	Physical well-being session	Mosa Thetsane, Judo South Africa
16:00	Closure and departure	

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