

GLOBAL STUDENT WELL-BEING SUMMIT 2026

STUDENT PROGRAMME

DATE
7–10 July 2026

VENUE
**Madiba Arena,
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ARRIVAL AND WELCOMING 7 July 2026

Time	Item	Person
16:30-17:00	Musical item	Odeion School of Music
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. Kloppe, 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	Musical item	Odeion School of Music
08:40-08:45	Recap of the Official Welcoming	Desiree Motsele
08:45-08:50	Message of support: ISRC	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 sessions	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	Music item poetry	Student Association
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 session	
10:30-11:30	Breakaway session	Dr Gcina Mtengwane, Lecturer – Faculty of The Humanities Student Delegate Likhona Jackson, Chairperson: Faculty Student Council – The Humanities: Co-Facilitator

Time	Item	Person
11:30-12:30	Breakaway session	Maralize Conradie, Mercantile Law Khanya Motshabi, Student Engagement, Faculty of Law Mcintosh Khasembe, Deputy President SAUS Muzomuhle Mhlongo, NASDEV President Co-Facilitator: Pholla Mbalane, Deputy Director – ISGO
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-16:30	Sports activities	KovsieSport
16:30	Closure and Departure	

CONFERENCE DAY 2 9 July 2026

Time	Item	Person
07:45-08:30	Registration	
08:30-08:40	Welcome address	Desiree Motsele
08:40-09:30	Keynote address	Koketso Ruwana, Attorney of the High Court of South Africa
09:30-10:30	Breakaway session	Prof John Klaasen, Dean: Theology and Religion: Co-Facilitator Dr Yuvan Shunmugan, Lecturer – Religious Studies Siphokazi Khumalo, Manager: Theology and Religion
10:30-11:30	Breakaway session	Dr Pieter du Toit, UFS Council Member: Facilitator Tiana van der Merwe, Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning Ronelle Arumugam, Founder and Director at Arumugam Consulting Hope Motchesane, CSRC: Social Impact Student Council: Co-Facilitator
Comfort Break		
11:30-13:30	Drama Performance	Ugood! Group
13:30-16:30	UFS Experimental Farm Tour	
16:30-20:00	Vrystaat Arts Festival	

CONFERENCE DAY 3 10 July 2026

Time	Item	Person
07:45–08:30	Registration	
08:30–09:00	Welcome address	Desiree Motsele
09:00–10:00	Breakaway session	Nadia Kganakga, Senior Lecturer, School of Accountancy Lemlem Amhatsion, Lecturer, School Of Accountancy Khwezi Madlala, Chairperson of RiseOn TV Student Association
10:00–11:00	Breakaway session	Willem Ellis, Centre for Gender and Africa Studies: Co-Facilitator Mandla Simelane, United Nations Peace- builder
11:00–12:00	Breakaway session	Pholla Mbalane, Deputy Director: ISGO SRC Presidents
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
13:00–15:00	Art therapy session	Martie Miranda, Deputy Director, Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support
15:00–15:15	Closing address	Zoleka Dotwana, Director: Student Affairs, Sport, Arts and Culture

CONFERENCE DAY 3 10 July 2026 (Closing Dinner for Students)

Time	Item	Person
18:30–19:00	Arrival	
19:00–19:10	Musical item	Student Performance
19:10–19:20	Opening address	Hope Motchesane, CSRC: Social Impact Student Council
19:20–19:30	Introduction of keynote speaker	Thabo Mazibuko
19:30–20:00	Keynote address	Councillor Ntombi Nhlapo, MMC: Human Settlements
20:00–20:10	Musical item	Student Performance
20:10–20:20	Closing remarks	Pulane Malefane: Director of Housing and Residence Affairs