



2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Shaping future nursing leadership



Subject to change

Day 1 – Thursday 3 September 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
PLENARY SESSION 1		
07:00 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome & house rules	
08:40 – 09:10	Word from the sponsors	
09:15 – 09:45	<i>Shaping future nursing leadership (Title TBC)</i>	Prof Judith Bruce, Visiting Professor School of Therapeutic Science, Faculty of Health Science
09:45– 10:15	Pandemics, Planes and Pulse Checks: How Future Nurse Leaders Turn Emerging Infections and Disasters into Organised Chaos Control	Mande Jose Toubkin, General Manager Emergency, Trauma, Transplant, Disaster management and CSI Netcare Company Netcare Healthcare Holdings PTY Ltd (Netcare)
10:15– 10:30	Q&A	
10:30 – 11:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK, POSTER VIEWING & EXHIBITORS	
11:00 – 13:00	WORKSHOPS	
	From Student to Professional — Building the Foundations for a Career in Nursing Elsevier	Beyond the Cost of Caring: Strategies to Overcome Compassion Fatigue ABJ Oncology Counselors: Hedri Powell, Cecile Booth, Dr Juanita Kruger

13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITORS & POSTER VIEWING	
	PLENARY SESSION 2	
14:00 – 14:15	Sponsor	
14:15 – 14:45	Leadership with a Heart: Inspiring Courage, Compassion, and Caring in the Next Generation of Nurse	Prof Charlene Downing, University of Johannesburg
14:45 – 15:15	The importance of leadership in national and international health systems	Dr Miriam Matandela, CNO Department of Health
15:15 – 15:45	Health standards – what's new?	TBC
15:45 16:15	Followership and leadership development	Dr Linette Engelbrecht, Department of Nursing Education, Wits
16:15 16:30	Q&A	
16:30	CLOSURE & REFRESHMENTS	
16:45	FPNL AGM	

Day 2 – Friday 4 September 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
	PLENARY SESSION 3	
07:30 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 08:45	Word from the sponsors:	
08:45 – 09:15	TBC	Elsevier
09:15 – 09:45	What about scarce skills?	TBC
09:45 – 10:15	The Cost of Deception: Identifying and Stopping Fraud	Iain Orpen, Head of Fraud Prevention and Detection, Capitec

10:15 – 10:30	Q&A	
10:30 – 11:00	REFRESHMENTS EXHIBITORS & POSTER VIEWING	
11:00 – 11:30	Accountability – whose responsibility when something goes wrong when we use AI tools (<i>Title TBC</i>)	Dr Gale Ure, Wits
11:30 – 12:00	Partnership between humans and machine: Promoting ethical use of artificial intelligence in nursing education	Prof Werner Cordier, Dept Pharmacy UP
12:00 – 12:30	Preserving core postgraduate research competencies in an AI-enable environment	Prof Sharon Fonn, Wits
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITORS & POSTER VIEWING	
	PLENARY SESSION 4	
14:00 – 14:30	CPD – current status and future developments	Dr Charlotte Langa
14:30 – 15:30	Motivational session - Challenging leaders to move beyond position and title-to lead with greater self-awareness, influence, accountability and impact.	Mirvan Diedericks, NLP Practitioner, life coach, business coach, leadership coach and soft skill facilitator
<i>Mirvan Diedericks is the founder of True Alpha, a leadership and development company. He is a leadership, communication and human performance specialist, NLP practitioner, accredited coach, corporate trainer, facilitator and speaker. With more than a decade of experience in developing people and performance, he works with leaders and organisations to strengthen influential leadership, communication, emotional intelligence, organisational culture and sustainable performance. Known for combining practical business insight with a deep understanding of human behaviour, Mirvan challenges leaders to move beyond position and title-to lead with greater self-awareness, influence, accountability and impact</i>		
15:30 – 15:45	Closure & Prize draws	