

Africanisation-Decolonisation Indaba 2024

PROGRAMME

Hosted by the Africanisation-Decolonisation Working Group (ADWG) and the Transdisciplinary Institute for Mandela Studies (TIMS) in collaboration with the University Faculties as part of the University's Africanisation-Decolonisation Programme (AfDeP).

7-8 MARCH 2024

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The #FeesMustFall movement reintroduced decolonisation into South African higher education, sparking transformative discussions. Mandela University's 2017 name change and Vision 2030 Strategy, envisioning a 'dynamic African university,' prompt questions: What does decolonisation look like at Mandela? How does it align with Mandela's social figure? These queries extend to the Africanisation imperative. The Africanisation-Decolonisation Indaba invites collective exploration of these issues, urging us to imagine a decolonised and Africanised Mandela Institutional Identity. The two-day indaba will celebrate the various forms and expressions of Africanisation and decolonisation work currently underway at Mandela University.

For more information on the Africanisation-Decolonisation Indaba, follow this [link](#). Please note that sessions during the Indaba will be recorded for the purposes of archiving and for broader circulation on online platforms to share the conversations more widely.





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- Please find the **Concept Note** and **Invitation for Contributions** [here](#).
- **Bios** and **abstracts** of our presenters and contributors are available [here](#) and [here](#), and more information about the Indaba and the Africanisation-Decolonisation Project can be found [here](#).
- To **RSVP** for in-person attendance please click [here](#) and fill in the form.
- To **register for online attendance** via Zoom, please click [here to register for Day 1](#) and [here to register for Day 2](#).

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DAY 1 | THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2024

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[Zoom link: click [here](#)]

Time	Allocation	Event	Person
08h00 – 08h30	30 min	Registration & tea	All
08h30 – 08h45	15 min	Framing Africanisation-Decolonisation through a Mandela Lens	Transdisciplinary Institute for Mandela Studies (TIMS) video
08h45-09h00	15 min	Welcome & Scene Setting	André Keet

INSTITUTIONAL PANEL 1 | Main Conference Room
*Africanisation and Decolonisation through a Mandela Lens:
 Toward a Dynamic, African University*
 Facilitator: Nobubele Phuza

09h00-10h00	45 min	Facilitated Conversation	<u>Panellists</u> - Sibongile Muthwa - Muki Moeng - Luthando Jack - Yiva Makrwede
	15 mins	Facilitated Discussion	
10h00-10h30	30 min	Tea break	All



FACULTY SESSION 1 | Main Conference Room

Facilitator: Lwandile Msimanga

10h30-11h00	30 min	BUSINESS & ECONOMIC SCIENCES <i>'Is it Possible to Put Africa Back into Education in an AI-Driven World?'</i>	<u>Contributors</u> - Asanda Fotoyi - Grant Freedman - Michelle Mey
11h00-11h30	30 mins: 15 mins presentation & 15 mins discussion	SCIENCE <i>'Texts and Praxis in the Imagination of a Decolonial Natural Sciences and Resource Management Education'</i>	<u>Panel facilitator</u> - Zenixole Tshentu - Debbie du Preez <u>Contributors</u> - Musa Khapayi - Samalesu Mayonde - Qinisani Qwabe - Rhoda Malgas - George Sekonya - Nadine Strydom
11h30-12h00	30 mins	HUMANITIES <i>'The Centrality of Africanisation and Decolonisation in the Revitalisation of the Humanities: reflecting on the last 5 years'</i> <i>'Politics of Language, Knowledge and Power in Africa' [CvdM]</i> <i>'The African literary archive and its contribution to the diversification of the canon' [VK]</i> <i>'African Womanhood Gendered Histories' [SJ]</i> <i>'Decolonising Visual Arts' [RC]</i> <i>Decolonisation and Africanisation of engagement practices in university' [DD]</i>	<u>Contributors</u> - Chanel van der Merwe - Vusi Kumalo - Simran Juglal - Rachel Collett - Denver Davids
12h00-12h30	30 mins	Facilitated discussion	All
12h30-13h45	60 min	Lunch	All



FACULTY SESSION 2 | Main Conference Room

Facilitator: Bothwell Manyonga

13h45-14h15	30 mins	<p>ENGINEERING, BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY</p> <p><i>'Reimagining the Engineering, Built Environment and Technology Educational Landscape: An exploration of pathways to Africanisation and decolonisation within EBET, to promote a more inclusive and contextually relevant academic environment'</i></p>	<p><u>Facilitator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Darelle van Greunen <p><u>Contributors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Darelle van Greunen - Magda Minguzzi - Ané Meyer - Lucy Vosloo <p><i>Video 1: Africanisation of the use of Technology in a Post-Colonial Context.</i></p> <p><i>Video 2: Lessons on the Built Environment from the First Nations.</i></p>
14h15-14h45	30 mins	<p>EDUCATION</p> <p><i>'Decolonization and Africanization. What does this mean in a Faculty of Education'</i></p>	<p><u>Panel Facilitator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shervani Pillay
14h45-15h00	15 mins	Facilitated discussion	All
15h00-15h15	15 mins	Tea break	All

FACULTY SESSION 3 | Main Conference Room

Facilitator: Debbie du Preez

15h15-15h45	30 mins	<p>LAW</p> <p><i>'Decolonising Business Entities Law' [LC]</i></p> <p><i>Decolonising and Africanising Legal Education with the Focus on Employability of Students [MW]</i></p>	<p><u>Panel Facilitator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanduxolo Qotoyi <p><u>Contributors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lindi Coetzee - Marc Welgemoed
15h45-16h15	30 mins	<p>HEALTH SCIENCES</p> <p><i>'Africanisation-Decolonisation – Opportunities and strategies at the Faculty of Health Sciences'</i></p> <p><i>'Indigenous vegetables and nutritional benefits' [ZM]</i></p> <p><i>'An exploration of traditional foods and molecular medicine' [SN]</i></p> <p><i>'Indigenous knowledge systems and healthcare' [YA]</i></p>	<p><u>Panel Facilitator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wilbert Sibanda <p><u>Contributors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zitandile Mfono - Savania Nagiah - Yaseen Alley
16h15-16h30	15 mins	Facilitated discussion	All
16h30-16h45	15 mins	Closing Remarks	André Keet



DAY 2 | FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2024

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Time	Allocation	Event	Person
08h00 – 08h30	30 min	Registration & tea	All
08h30 – 08h40	10 min	Welcome & Scene Setting	André Keet

TIMS | Main Conference Room

*The Transdisciplinary Institute for Mandela Studies (TIMS),
a Decolonisation Project*

Facilitator: Sonya Leurquain-Steyn

08h40-09h30	35 min	TIMS, a Decolonisation Project	<u>Contributors:</u> - Crain Soudien - Norman Duncan - Verne Harris
	15 min	Facilitated discussion	All

PARALLEL STUDENT PANELS

Student Panel 1 | Main Conference Room

Facilitator: Keneilwe Natu

09h30-10h30	30 min	Student contributions	- Dumisani Booyesen <i>Black Lawyers Association Student Chapter</i> - Abdul Aleem Yusuff <i>French Society</i> - Sisipho Patesi <i>SRC Deputy President</i>
	30 min	Facilitated discussion	All
10h30-10h45	15 min	Tea break	All



Student Panel 2 | Breakaway Room 3

Facilitator: Sinethezekile Mpanza

09h30-10h30	30 min	Student contributions	<u>Panellists</u> - Mmakgosi Thlabadira <i>Black Lawyers Association Student Chapter</i> - Luzuko Mbumbulwana <i>SCISA</i> - Lisakhanya Daniels <i>Business and Economics Sciences SRC Faculty Representative</i>
	30 min	Facilitated discussion	All
10h30-10h45	15 min	Tea break	All

INSTITUTIONAL PANEL 2 | Main Conference Room

Decolonisation and Africanisation in Institutional Practice

Facilitator: Vuyo Bongela

10h45-11h45	45 min	Facilitated conversation	<u>Panellists</u> - Edgar de Koker - Nandipha Sithuba - Sizwe Nyenyiso - Nosiphiwo Delubom
	15 min	Facilitated discussion	All

PANEL PARALLEL SESSION 1 | Main Conference Room

Curriculum

Facilitator: Bothwell Manyonga

11h45-12h00	15 min	<i>'Transformative Constitutionalism as a Gateway to Africanisation and Decolonisation in Higher Education'</i>	- Molefhi Phorego <i>Public Law</i>
12h00-12h15	15 min	<i>'Reconceptualising the Financial Planning Curriculum'</i>	- Jasmine Kinsman <i>Business Management</i>
12h15-12h30	15 min	<i>'Uvimba: Creating an Indigenous Knowledge based Sexual Concepts Repository through Intracultural Communication in South African rural secondary schools'</i>	- Ayanda Simayi <i>Education</i>
12h30-13h15	45 min	Facilitated discussion	All
13h15-14h00	45 min	Lunch break	All



PANEL PARALLEL SESSION 2 | Breakaway Room 1

Disciplines and Fields of Knowledge

Facilitator: Lwandile Msimanga

11h45-12h00	15 min	<i>“Dem European Teachings in My African School”: Unpacking Coloniality and Eurocentric Hegemony in African Education Through Burna Boy’s Monsters You Made’</i>	- Sakhile Phiri and Savo Heleta <i>Business and Economics/Department of Development Studies</i>
12h00-12h15	15 min	<i>‘Reconstituting the ‘Founding Fathers’ of Humanities: A Black Radical Decolonial Turn’</i>	- Masixole Booii <i>CHERTL (Rhodes); Mandela Uni Alumnus</i>
12h15-12h30	15 min	<i>‘Critical Social Work Studies in South Africa: Prospects and Challenges’</i>	- Veonna Goliath <i>Social Work</i>
12h30-13h15	45 min	Facilitated discussion	All
13h15-14h00	45 min	Lunch break	All

PANEL PARALLEL SESSION 3 | Breakaway Room 2

Knowledge and Place

Facilitator: Jenny du Preez

11h45-12h00	15 min	<i>“International students”: an existing disconnect between African students in the university space and its impacts on Africanisation’</i>	- Adelaide Karomo <i>Transformation Office; Public Law</i>
12h00-12h15	15 min	<i>‘A return to the Source: Ontological regressive veneration of the past? Or an epistemic charge for the future?’</i>	- Osabuohien Clifford Uwuoruya <i>Humanities; Engagement Office</i>
12h15-12h30	15 min	<i>‘Decolonising Academia: Knowledge Co-creation with the First Indigenous People of Southern Africa’</i>	- Magda Minguzzi <i>Architecture</i>
12h30-12h45	15 min	<i>‘Impediments towards the advancement of the decolonisation agenda in African higher education: Lessons from the East African experience’</i>	- Bheki Mngomezulu <i>CANRAD</i>
12h45-13h15	30 min	Facilitated discussion	All
13h15-14h00	45 min	Lunch break	All



PANEL PARALLEL SESSION 4a | Breakaway Room 3

Decolonisation and Africa's Independence

Facilitator: Sonya Leurquain-Steyn

11h45-12h30	45 min	Panel Discussion: <i>'Decolonisation and Africa's Independence in Education, Economy and Culture'</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucky Maluleke Education - Walters Doh Nubia Education - Heloise Sathorar Education
		Facilitated discussion	All

PANEL PARALLEL SESSION 4b | Breakaway Room 3

Teaching and Teacher Education

Facilitator: Sonya Leurquain-Steyn

12h30-13h15	15 mins	<i>'Decolonising student teacher community engagement through community action projects: A humanising approach'</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deidre Geduld Education - Noluvo Rangana Education
	15 mins	<i>'Decolonising Our Teaching through Drama and Theatre-In-Education As Pedagogy'</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logamurthie Athiemoolman Education
	15 mins	Facilitated discussion	All
13h15-14h00	45 min	Lunch break	All

ENGAGEMENT OFFICE PANEL | Main Conference Room

Decolonisation and Africa's Independence

Facilitator: Osabuohien Clifford Uwuoruya

14h00-14h25	25 mins	<p>Documentary</p> <p><i>'Current Institutional Engagement Praxis'</i> [YA, RvR, OM, TD]</p> <p><i>'Re-imagined Institutional Stakeholder-community practices'</i> [KM, BD]</p> <p><i>'Africanisation- Decolonisation in practice: The Philosophy of the Engagement Office'</i> [OCU]</p>	<p><u>Contributors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yolande August - Rize Van Rooyen - Oyama Mkaza - Tracey Dissel - Khanyi Manzini - Dr Bruce Damons - Osabuohien Clifford Uwuoruya
14h25-14h35	10 mins	Play / skit	Engagement Office
14h35-15h00	25 mins	Open dialogue	<p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students - Community members - Engagement Office staff



INSTITUTIONAL PANEL 3 | Main Conference Room

Reflections and Futures

Facilitator: Nobubele Phuza

15h00-16h00	45 mins	Facilitated conversation	Panellists - Crain Soudien - Chanel van der Merwe - Heather Nel
	15 mins	Facilitated discussion	All
16h00-16h15	15 mins	Vote of Thanks	Jenny du Preez
16h00-16h30	30 min	Tea, snacks and mingle	All

VENUE MAP & FACILITIES

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