



## Conference Programme

| Thursday, 7 September 2023                   |   |
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| <b>08:00 – 09:00</b>                         | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 09:00 – 09:20                                | Conference announcements: Peet du Plessis, Conference facilitator   |
| 09:20 – 09:45                                | A word of welcome by the Chairperson of the Board, Mr Mzwakhe Matukane, University of Johannesburg  |
| Session 1:<br>Promotional<br>09:45 – 10:05   | Promotional presentation by the Gold Sponsor – First National Bank<br>Mr Thobela Jemsana, Regional Director: FNB Public Sector, KwaZulu-Natal.  |
| Session 2:<br>Paper<br>10:05 – 10:55         | Topic: <i>Debt Recovery Strategies for Student Finance in a Changing Economy</i><br>Presenter: Mr. Marius Smith, Chief Operating Officer, Nimble Credit Solutions<br><b>Session chair:</b> Session chair: Mr Ismail Soobader, Wits and SASFF Board member   |
| <b>10:55 – 11:20</b>                         | <b>Refreshments</b>   |
| Session 3:<br>Paper<br>11:20 – 12:15         | Topic: <i>Latest trends on systems enhancements for Student Finance practitioners</i><br>Presenter: Ms Sive Sigcau, Team Leader: SD & Bursaries, University of Johannesburg<br><b>Session chair:</b> Ms Mercia Leeson, Ikhala TVET College and SASFF Board member   |
| Session 4:<br>12:15 – 12:40<br>Open floor    | Publication: “Best Practice Guide for Student Accounts Administration in Higher Education Institutions” – SAAF 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2018<br><a href="https://www.sasff.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/SAAF_BestPractice_2018.pdf">https://www.sasff.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/SAAF_BestPractice_2018.pdf</a><br>The way forward with the publication – Discussion leader, Mr Peet du Plessis, SASFF Coordinator  |
| Promotional<br>12:40 – 12:50                 | Promotional presentation by a Silver Sponsor - Ekhaya Search<br>Spha Banda, CEO & James Movundlela, Public Sector Manager   |
| Promotional<br>12:50– 13:00                  | Promotional presentation by a Silver Sponsor - Alefbet Collections & Recoveries<br>Tshepi Lehlabi, New Business Development   |
| <b>13:00 – 14:10</b>                         | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| Session 5:<br>Presentation<br>14:10 – 15:00  | Topic: <i>Implementing an income verification tool at University of Pretoria – aimed at students seeking funding, including the implications of the POPI Act.</i><br>Speaker: Ms Gugu Ihenacho, Senior Assistant Director: Financial Aid, University of Pretoria<br><b>Session chair:</b> Mr Mzwakhe Matukane, UJ and SASFF Board chairperson   |
| <b>15:00 – 15:20</b>                         | <b>Refreshments</b>   |
| Session 6:<br>Presentation<br>15:20 – 16:10  | <b>Topic:</b> <i>The NCA and the prescription of student debt, the Prescription Act and releasing academic records and certificates once debt has prescribed and been written off against the provision.</i><br>On-line presentation: Mrs Nicolene Schoeman-Louw, Managing Director: Schoeman Law Inc.<br><b>Session chair:</b> Mr Peet du Plessis, SASFF Operations Coordinator  |
| Session 7:<br>Team building<br>16:10 – 17:10 | Teamwork Fun Event – <b>“Make a video clip”</b> – Delegates from various institutions are allocated to teams for this event to promote interaction between colleagues of other institutions, and to win the prizes.<br><b>Rules for the Team Competition</b> will be made available to the teams at the commencement of the conference.<br>The Team allocations / name lists will be displayed on the entrance doors of the conference hall.<br><a href="#">Adjudicators: SASFF Board members</a> |
|  | Gala Dinner function at The Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel, African Sky Venue on the 7 <sup>th</sup> floor: Theme: <b>“My favourite TV Show / Movie”</b>   |

Dress code: Dress like a character/(s) from your favourite TV show or movie – prizes to be won 😊  
(Dressing up is not compulsory – otherwise smart casual)



**Dinner hosts:** Mr Mzwakhe Matukane and Dr Nonhlanhla Mabuza

**Adjudication panel for prizes:** Dr Nonhlanhla Mabuza, Ms Mercia Leeson, Mr Ismail Soobader & Mr Mzwakhe Matukane

Program:

19:00: Guests to be taking up their seats – no tables or seats are reserved. You are free to sit where you like.

19:00 – 19:30: Prize-giving for the winning teams of the video clips. There will also be a few fun prizes as well.

19:30 – 20:30: Buffet dinner

After dinner: Dancing with Dee Jay Dharashan till late (+23:00).

There will be several bottles of wine and fruit juices on the tables. Should you wish to have anything else to drink, there is a **full cash bar** available. (No own liquor is allowed).

### Friday, 8 September 2023

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| Breakfast and hotel check-outs<br>07:30 – 08:45  | Delegates are given the opportunity to check-out at the hotel reception after breakfast as their normal check-out time is at 10:00  |
| 08:45 – 09:00                                    | <b>Lucky draw – You must be there to win!</b><br>Facilitated by Peet du Plessis   |
| 09:00 – 09:40<br>Promotional                     | Silver Exhibitors' presentations (10 min. each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nimble Credit Solutions</li> <li>Adapt IT Education Division</li> <li>Vericred Collections</li> <li>Feenix</li> </ul>  |
| Session 8:<br>09:40 – 10:30<br>Break-away groups | <p>Break-away group discussions</p> <p><b>Break-away Group A: Plenary Room – Senate Room</b><br/> <b>** Facilitator:</b> <a href="#">Mr Mzwakhe Matukane (AAA Board)</a><br/> <u>Discussion topic 1:</u> Impact of the Influence of Politics in Funding of Higher Education.<br/> <u>Discussion topic 2:</u> Student loans – a realistic financial instrument to fund South African students.</p> <p><b>Break-away Group B: Break-away room 1</b><br/> <b>Facilitators:</b> <a href="#">Mr Ismail Soobader</a> and <a href="#">Dr Nonhlanhla Mabuza (AAA Board Members)</a><br/> <u>Discussion topic 3:</u> State of the national student financial aid scheme and its impact on student debt<br/> <u>Discussion topic 4:</u> Financial impact on graduating students - solutions and different methods</p> <p><b>TVET Colleges Break-away Group C: Break-away room 2</b></p> |

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|                                     | Facilitator: <a href="#">Ms Mercia Leeson (AAA Board)</a><br>• <u>Discussion topic 5</u> : "Preparations for AGSA Audit 2023 - Best practices"   |
| <b>10:30 – 10:50</b>                | <b>Refreshments</b>  |
| Session 9:<br>10:50 – 11:10         | Break-away groups' feedback to the plenary and open floor discussions on the feedback.<br>(+/-10 min per Group A and B)  |
| Session 10:<br>11:10 – 11:55        | Keynote address:<br>Speaker: Mr Luxolo Rubushe, Managing Director, Adapt IT Education Division<br><b>Session chair:</b> Dr Nonhlanhla Mabuza, Unisa and SASFF Board member   |
| Session 12:<br>11:55 – 13:00<br>AGM | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of SASFF (NPC)      Chair: Mr Mzwakhe Matukane, UJ<br><b>Important Note:</b> The AGM agenda and supporting documents are published on the website. Delegates who would like a hard copy, are welcome to make their own copies before the conference.<br><a href="https://www.sasff.co.za/conference/">https://www.sasff.co.za/conference/</a> |
| 13:00 – 13:10                       | Evaluation and <b>lucky draw – You must be present to win this lucrative prize!</b>  |
| 13:10 – 14:15                       | Lunch  |