SA STUDENT FINANCE FORUM

Conference Programme

Thursday, 13 October 2022	
08:15 – 09:00	**Registration**
09:00 – 09:20	Conference announcements: Peet du Plessis, Conference facilitator
09:20 – 09:40	A word of welcome by the Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Dr Frans Kgomo, Tshwane University of Technology
Session 1: 09:40 – 10:40	Keynote address: *Financial sustainability – a South African universities context* Speaker: Mr Vincent Motholo, Chief Financial Officer: University of Cape Town
10:45 – 11:15	**Refreshments**
Session 2: Panel discussion 11:15 – 12:10	A panel discussion on the effects of the fee regulatory framework on universities that is in progress at DHET, and other current related matters affecting student fees. Panel members: Members of the Board of the HESFF Dr Frans Kgomo, TUT; Mr Udesh Ramsundar, DUT; Mr Ismail Soobader, Wits University;
Session 3: Presentation 12:10 – 13:05	Presentation: *The high-performance finance professional* Guest speaker: Mr Yusuf Mahomedy, CA(SA), CEO, Business Mentor and Speaker
13:05 – 14:15	**Lunch**
Session 4: Presentation 14:15 – 15:00	Presentation: "*Having a sound Digital Payments Strategy for your institution*" Presenter: Mr Morné Swart, Real Pay: Sales Manager
15:00 – 15:20	**Refreshments**
Session 5: Presentation 15:20 – 16:10	Presentation: "*Growing third stream income - innovation in fundraising"* Presenter: Ms Cara-Jean Petersen: CEO, Feenix
Session 6: Think tank 16:10 – 16:30	Due to the pressure on government subsidies and student funding, HEI's must increase their third-stream income. This will be an open floor discussion – "think tank", during which delegates will share their ideas on generation of third-stream income
Session 7: Team building 16:30 – 17:15	Quiz on "Proudly South African" – Delegates from various institutions are allocated to teams for this event to promote interaction between colleagues of other institutions, and to win the prizes.
19:00 – 23:00	Dinner function: Theme: "Proudly South African" Dress code: Wear anything that represents our country, South Africa. It can be SA sport, SA cultures, traditional SA, etc. NB: Please note that dressing to the theme is completely voluntary, and delegates are not expected to go and spend money on hiring of costumes. Alternative is smart casual.

	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 team quiz. There will also be a few fun prizes as well. 19:30 – 20:30: Buffet dinner After dinner: Dancing with Dee Jay Mark 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, 14 October 2022	
Breakfast and hotel check-outs 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 – 09:15 Promotional	Silver Exhibitors' presentations • Real Pay – (10 min) • FNB Public Sector Banking – (10 min) • Nutun Transact – Ben Britz, Executive Solutions Strategy (10 min)
Session 8: 09:15 – 10:20 Break-away groups	Break-away groups: Discussion topics (**Note:** Delegate will be invited to still submit additional topics for this session) • Most, if not all of us had to work remotely during Covid 19. This became a new norm, how did we adapt to it, how were we able to continue rendering a service despite this challenge, how it changed our policies, technology etc. • The high unemployment rate under the youth forces them to apply at universities and TVET colleges, in the hope for NSFAS funding, which in turn leads to the huge shortfall at NSFAS. • How the Covid-19 pandemic caused financial stress on the economy and HEI's. • Overreliance on state fiscus wherein some institutions are mostly generating revenue from NSFAS, government departments, including national and provincial, SETAs and subsidy. What is the impact thereof on, and sustainability of, HEI's? • The In Duplum Rule for outstanding student debt • TVET Colleges break-away group – Ms Mercia Leeson, HESFF Director to facilitate discussions on "AG Audit Management" and "Best practices on NSFAS and student debt"
10:20 – 10:40	**Refreshments**
Session 9: 10:40 – 11:10	Break-away groups' feedback to the plenary and open floor discussions on the feedback.
Session 10: 11:10 – 11:40	Promotional: Fundi Capital. Gold Exhibitor: Mr Makgau Dibakwane, CEO: Fundi Capital
Session 12: 11:40 – 12:45 AGM	1st Annual General Meeting of SA Student Finance Forum NPC Chair: Dr Frans Kgomo, TUT **Important Note:** The agenda and all supporting documentation are available on your mobile devices on the website: www.sasff.co.za
Session 13: 12:45 – 13:10	Motivational video *South Africa – Alive with Possibility*
13:10	Evaluation and **lucky draw – You must be present to win this lucrative prize!** Prize to be announced at the introduction
13:10 – 14:15	**Lunch & Good byes**