



# Conference Programme

## **KZN ESD** Summit

*Growing thriving enterprises in KZN together*

**31 Jul — 1 Aug, ICC Durban**

*Best practice in ESD & Procurement*



# SOME OF OUR SPEAKERS



Atul Padalkar  
MD, BizFarm



Hepsy Mkhungo  
CEO, Linkage



Dr Lindiwe Kunene  
Lecturer: Management & Entrepreneurship. UKZN



Nozipho Ndlovu  
Founder, Azmon Nimrod Business Incubator



Lesiba Lamola  
Regional ESD Manager Sappi



Prof Thea v Westhuizen  
Lecturer Management & Entrepreneurship. UKZN



Brennan William  
Global Enterprise Academy

## Programme Topics

### KZN ESDConference

#### Building thriving enterprises together

- ✓ Leveraging technology to unlock procurement opportunities for SMMEs
- ✓ Building a youth entrepreneur ecosystem
- ✓ Case studies of sustainable ESD programmes
- ✓ ESD and the Business Value Chain
- ✓ The role of ESD and Development Finance in empowering enterprises
- ✓ Understanding the emotional and mental framework of an entrepreneur
- ✓ And more...

### KZN ESDWorkshop

#### Developing ESD Programmes that incorporates corporate goals and value chains

- ✓ Understanding the ESD Ecosystem
- ✓ Vetting and Assessing ESD Beneficiaries
- ✓ Incorporating the localisation in the supply chain and Procurement Programme
- ✓ Outsourcing non-core jobs to SMMEs
- ✓ Leveraging innovation
- ✓ And more.....

## Past & Present ESD Partners & Contributors



And many more...

# KZN ESD SUMMIT 2024

## Conference Programme— 31 July 2024

08:30—08:35

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### Welcoming and opening remarks

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08:35—09:20

Plenary

### Role of Small Business Incubators as engines for Rural Entrepreneurship

- An overview of entrepreneurship in rural areas
- Critical interventions needed for rural entrepreneurs
- Aligning ESD incubation programmes to

Speaker: Azmon Minrod Business Incubator

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09:20—10:05

Plenary

### Empowering the Future: Tackling SMME-ESD Fatigue and Strengthening Business Value Chains

- How to leverage ESD to compliment your goals
- Incorporating your ESD into strategic plans

Speaker: Dr Lindiwe Kunene, UKZN School of Management & Entrepreneurship

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10:05—10:20

### Tea/Coffee Break

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10:20—11:00

Plenary

### Leveraging technology to facilitate market access for SMEs

- Understanding challenges faced by SMEs to access markets
- Technological tools that assess and vet suppliers

Speaker: Hepsy Mkhungo, CEO Linkage

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11:00—11:40

Plenary

### Approaching funding for growth and scaling up

- What is development finance
- Tools and instruments of development finance
- Identifying and support instruments for ESD Loans

Speaker: Nkosikhona Mbhele . Investment Officer, KZN Growth Fund

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11:40—12:20

### Case Study: Sappi SA ESD Programme

- Formulating an ESD strategy
- Key goals of the ESD strategy
- Programme, interventions and M&E

Speaker: Lesiba Lamola, ESD Manager, Sappi South Africa

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12:20—13:00

### Networking Luncheon

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## Conference Programme - Cont.

13:00—13:40

### Rethinking Entrepreneurial Learning: Tailoring Approaches for Diverse Needs

- A review of the shortfalls of current learning programmes
- Unpacking alternative learning formats

**Speaker: Brennan Williams, Global Enterprise Academy**

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13:40—14:20

### Developing ESD programmes and an Ecosystem that develops youth owned enterprises

- Mainstreaming youth entrepreneurship
- Creating ESD Programmes that incorporates youth owned enterprises into supply chains

**Speaker: Prof Thea vd Westhuizen: Academic Leader: High Impact Community Engagement & Internationalisation, UKZN**

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14:20—15:20

### Panel Discussion: Practical Tools for youth entrepreneurs

- Why ESD programmes must include youth entrepreneurs
- Aligning ESD programmes to the needs of youth entrepreneurs
- Creating greater collaboration in the ESD Ecosystem

#### Panelists

<b>Dr Phumlani Nkontwana</b>	—	<b>Founding Director: Alan Gray Centre for Africa Entrepreneurship, Stellenbosch University</b>
<b>Mr Edwell Gumbo</b>	—	<b>Director: Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education</b>
<b>Prof Gabriel Kabanda</b>	—	<b>Head of Doctoral Programmes: Graduate School of Business and Leadership, UKZN</b>
<b>Prof Mogie Subban</b>	—	<b>Associate Prof College of Law &amp; Management Studies</b>
<b>Prof Phocenah Nyatanga</b>	—	<b>Associate Prof in Economics and Academic Leader</b>

15:20 —15:40

**Official Book Launch and Final Remarks**

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**Programme Director**

**Vote of Thanks**

**See you @ KZN ESD Summit 2025**