



2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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PROGRAMME

Sunday 4 October 2026

10:00 - 16:00	LIASA Board Meeting
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Monday 5 October 2026

09:00 - 16:00	Tour
08:30 - 16:00	Clarivate/LIASA/UFS Pre-Conference Workshop
08:30 - 16:00	Nevada/LIASA Pre-Conference Workshop - Unpacking Provincial and Public libraries challenges.
09:00 - 15:00	WITS Libraries/LIASA Pre-conference workshop
16:00 - 18:00	Registration for LIASA 2026 delegates only

Tuesday 6 October 2026

07:00 - 17:00	Registration
08:30 - 17:00	Exhibition Venue: Exhibition Area
07:00 - 08:30	Arrival tea and coffee
08:00 - 09:00	SESSION 1: Newcomers Session Venue: B2 Session Chair: <i>Ms Linda Ntaka</i>
	SESSION 2: Session Chairs Venue: B3 Session Chair: <i>Ms Dina Mashiyane</i>
	MC: Mr Romeo Matumba
09:00 - 11:00	SESSION 3: Opening Session Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Prof Lefose Makgahlela</i> • South African and African Anthems • Address by the LIASA President: <i>Mr Maphuntshane Molepo</i> • Opening Entertainment • Guest Speaker: <i>Dr Justin Cohen</i> • Welcome from City of Johannesburg: <i>Executive Mayor, Cllr Sello Enoch Dada Morero</i> • Opening Address: <i>Honourable Ms. Peace Mabe, Deputy Minister DSAC</i> • Session closing remarks
11:00 - 12:30	SESSION 4: Department of Sport, Arts and Culture Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Puleng Kekana</i>
12:30 - 13:00	SESSION 5: SALI Trust Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Mrs Rachel More</i> Feedback session
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch

14:00 – 16:00	SESSION 6: Digital Transformation, AI and Ethical Innovation Venue: B2 Session Chair: <i>Dr Nonhlanhla Ngcobo</i>	Introduction of speakers - Academic librarians' conceptualisation of artificial intelligence literacy within a South African private higher education institution [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Cyril Tlomatsana</i> - Disinformation and misinformation in the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Implications for International Relations (IR) and possible LIS ethical interventions [Oral Presentation] <i>Notha Phakama Jiyane; Innocent Nduduzo Gumede; Glenrose Velile Jiyane</i> - Athlone Library AI [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Ashley Lewis</i> - Promoting Open Access Knowledge and Wikipedia Editing among City of Johannesburg Communities. [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Lindani Sikhakhane</i> - ChatGPT, AI, and your data: The illusion of privacy [Oral Presentation] <i>Mrs Yumnnaa Ocks, Ms Jade Thwaites</i> - Future-ready LIS skills in the digital era: A study of South African academic libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Lusanda Nomkonwana, Mr Malixole John Mndwana</i> - Investigating library preparedness for the Fourth Industrial Revolution: a case study of the National Library of South Africa, Pretoria [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Mbalenhle Kekana</i>
	SESSION 7: Responding to Changing User Needs Venue: B3 Session Chair: <i>Dr Ntombizonke Sizeni Makhathini</i>	Introduction of speakers - When the library cannot function: The impact of infrastructure challenges on access to knowledge [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Bongzi Ntuli</i> - Reclaiming knowledge spaces: Practical approaches to literacy and lifelong learning at Msunduzi Library Services: Eastwood Library [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Sunitha Richard</i> - Accessibility of academic libraries for disabled students in selected South African universities [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Sarah du Toit, Dr Mzwandile Shongwe</i> - Diversity, equity and inclusion in collection development: An exploration of the City of Cape Town LIS Special Buys Project [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Nazeem Hardy, Ms Luinda Lilley, Mr Gianni Brinkhuys</i> - Reimagining user engagement: A personal librarian approach to academic support [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Minenhle Jali</i> - Changing research support training: Insights from UWC training evaluation [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Sinayo Phike</i>
	SESSION 8: Library Partnerships, Impact and Accountability for Social Change Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Dr Andiswa Mfengu</i>	Introduction of speakers - Beyond library walls: Strategic partnerships for inclusive literacy in South African informal settlements [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mrs Lungile Msiya, Ms Sive Gaqa, Ms Papadi Liphafa</i> - Academic librarians and SDG 4: Awareness, practice and strategic alignment in a South African university [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Ivy Mmatheo Segoe</i> - Implementation of Xbox competition library programmes within Mogale City Local Municipality for youth and social development [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Tania Kgoale</i> - Soft launching the future: Reclaiming power through AI and youth audio at Brackenfell Library [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Lonwabo Joseph Mabele</i> Lightning Talks - It Takes a Village: Advancing Knowledge and Empowering Diphetoogo Learners through the SMU-Diphetoogo Secondary School Partnership [Lightning Talk] (SALI Trust Grantee) <i>Mrs Mmakgoshi Prescilla Reetseng, Mrs Pheleluca Morufa Mogashoa</i> - The role of public libraries in promoting digital inclusion through ICT access: Evidence from the Capricorn District, Limpopo Province [Lightning Talk] <i>Ms Mblenhle Kekane, Ms Sewela Sebola</i>
	SESSION 9: Reclaiming Professional Identity and Leadership Venue: B4 Session Chair: <i>Mr Mmakwena Molala</i>	Introduction of speakers - Reclaiming relevance: The information literacy librarian in the age of AI [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Beuren Simon</i> - The visibility paradox in academic libraries: Rethinking corporate identity beyond digital presence [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Itumeleng Mpete, Dr Matlala Mahlatji</i> - Competencies of librarians in using Industry 5.0 technologies to support users living with disabilities in uMhlathuze Local Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal [Oral Presentation] <i>Prof Velile Jiyane, Ms Hlengiwe Ngwenya, Ms Athini Mbalo</i> - Knowledge sharing among librarians for the enhancement of service delivery at the University of Limpopo Library, South Africa [Viewpoint Paper] <i>Ms Tebatso Hlungwana</i> - A library-AI alignment model for ethical leadership, professional identity, and governance in South African libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Patrick Ajibade, Prof Stephen Mutula</i> - The UNISA Library internship programme in inspiring future librarians and innovative individuals [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Nokuzola Khumalo</i> Lightning Talks - Empowering rural librarians as agents of justice: Transformational leadership in O.R. Tambo public libraries [Lightning Talk] <i>Ms Aphelele Zanda Mpisi</i> - Beyond placement: Reimagining LIS internships as micro-communities of practice for future-ready skills in the LIS sector [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr David Thomas, Ms Samkelisiwe Cele</i>
16:00 – 16h30	End of Day Tea Break	

07:30 – 16:30	Registration
08:30 – 17:00	Exhibition Venue: Exhibition area
07:30 – 08:00	Arrival tea
	MC: <i>Mr Romeo Matumba</i>
08:30 – 10:00	Session 10: Plenary Session Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Mr Nazeem Hardy</i>
	• Guest Speaker: <i>Ms Ellen Tise</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Tea Break
10:15 – 10:30	POSTER SESSION Venue: Exhibition Area All delegates are invited to view the poster presentations and engage with presenters in the Exhibition Area.
10:30 – 11:45	SESSION 11: Open Knowledge, Research and Scholarly Communication Venue: B2 Session Chair: <i>Ms Nambitha Manqola</i> Introduction of speakers - Isn't it free? Read and publish uptake at the University of the Western Cape [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Alfred Nqotole, Ms Anelisa Mente-Mpako, Ms Sinayo Phike</i> - Library-as-publisher: Mainstreaming this reimagined role of librarians [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Jamie-lee Hendricks</i> - Recentring social justice in scholarly communication: Libraries as transformative agents [Conversational Presentation] <i>Dr Andiswa Mfengu</i> - Rebuilding trust in academic outputs through interventions deployed by academic libraries to combat academic misconduct [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Cyril Tlomatsana, Prof Ike Hlongwane</i>
	SESSION 12: Reclaiming Community Knowledge for Inclusive Development Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Dr Matlala Rachel Mahlatji</i> Introduction of speakers - Reviving indigenous oral traditions for an enhanced reading culture among children from disadvantaged communities in KwaZulu-Natal [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Nduduzo Gumede, Prof Velile Jiyane</i> - Exploring the preservation of indigenous knowledge practices: A qualitative study of the Mabheleni community, South Africa [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Zethembe Mseleku</i> - Building capacity in evidence synthesis through a community of practice: Lessons from UCT Libraries [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Tamzyn Suliaman</i> - Beyond universal principles: Africanising cataloguing and metadata ethics in South African libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Mercia Moreana, Ms Sarah Golby, Ms Fatima Darries</i>
	SESSION 13: Information Integrity, Misinformation and Disinformation Venue: B3 Session Chair: <i>Dr Mathew Moyo</i> Introduction of speakers - The impact of geopolitical crises on information access and digital equity: A case of the Middle East [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Lesiba Steve Ledwaba</i> - Academic libraries as key agents for promoting critical information literacy in the age of AI [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Malixole Hlemfu, Dr Andiswa Mfengu</i> - The integration of generative AI technologies into information literacy programs: Implications for information integrity at South African universities of technology [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Pelisa Vanda</i>
	SESSION 14: Digital Transformation, AI and Ethical Innovation Venue: B4 Session Chair: <i>Ms Refiloe Zim</i> Introduction of speakers - Between endorsement and ethics: How South African universities promote AI tools for student research [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Michelle Biederman</i> - The librarian behind the prompt: Reclaiming creativity through AI [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Dina Mashiyane</i> - Development of a digital marketing framework for public university libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Muvhulawa Romeo Matumba</i>
11:45 – 13:00	SESSION 15: Responding to Changing User Needs Venue: B2 Session Chair: <i>Ms Theresa Mofana</i> Introduction of speakers - The role of public librarians in promoting digital literacy: A case study of City of Cape Town libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Thando Ndwandwa</i> - Repositioning academic libraries' workshop workflow: The need for assessment and evidence-based approaches for student success [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Mlungisi Thusi</i> - Exploring first-year Library and Information Science students' experiences of academic library orientation [Viewpoint Paper] <i>Ms Pyrene Bokwe, Ms Sinentlaha Mancukumfa, Ms Siluncedo Yisaki</i>

	SESSION 16: Digital Transformation, AI and Ethical Innovation / Open Knowledge, Research and Scholarly Communication Venue: B3 Session Chair: <i>Mr Jeff Nyoka</i>	Introduction of speakers • Repositioning rural libraries as agents of epistemic justice: User-centred digital literacy and the ethics of AI in marginalised communities [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Noxolo Buthelezi</i> • Re-imagining public libraries through hackathon programmes: A case study from Adelaide Tambo Library in the Free State Province [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Mzwandile Radebe, Ms Lindiwe Ndamane, Ms Elizabeth Francis, Ms Portia Tutja</i> • Assessing the use and acceptance of library self-check machines through secondary data: The case of DUT Libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Tholeka Sidlayi, Mr Themba Nkuna</i>
	SESSION 17: Responding to Changing User Needs / Reclaiming Community Knowledge for Inclusive Development / Digital Transformation, AI and Ethical Innovation Venue: B4 Session Chair: <i>Mr Jan Moeketsi</i>	Introduction of speakers • Profiling access to digital collections in a comprehensive distance e-learning university library in South Africa [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Ntombizonke Makhathini</i> • Athlone Library Digital Reading Den [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Ashley Lewis</i> Lightning Talks • Knowledge, power and justice in practice: Academic libraries reclaiming the value of creative knowledge in arts and theatre disciplines [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Malixole Hlemfu, Mrs Marlene Marion Adonis</i>
	SESSION 18: Responding to Changing User Needs / Information Integrity, Misinformation and Disinformation / Library Partnerships, Impact and Accountability for Social Change Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Mr Jongihlanga Mbanga</i>	Introduction of speakers • Public library shortages and rural development: Evidence from Moloto Village, Mpumalanga Province [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Sedume Martha Mashilo</i> • Postgraduate students' perception of service quality for e-resources and digital collections: A case of traditional and e-learning university libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Nonjabulo Ngcobo, Dr Ntombizonke Sizeni Makhathini</i> • Towards strategies for delivering information services for differently abled users in public libraries in townships in Gauteng Province, South Africa [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Mamotshabo Johanna Boloka</i> Lightning Talks • The transformative role of libraries in advancing social change [Lightning Talk] <i>Dr Nthabiseng Raduvha</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	SESSION 19: Digital Transformation, AI and Ethical Innovation Venue: B2 Session Chair: <i>Mrs Tsholofelo Maleho</i>	Introduction of speakers • Evaluation of the impact of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology on enhancing self-service at the CODEL University Library [Oral Presentation] <i>Mrs Mpho Masingi, Dr Lesiba Ledwaba</i> • Contribution of ICT advancements to the growth of information volume in the South African publishing industry [Conversational Presentation] <i>Dr Amogelang Molaudzi</i> • From information literacy to workforce readiness: How academic libraries equip lecturers to develop future-ready graduates: A literature review [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Nosipho Ngubane</i> • Remote teaching and learning preparedness in selected Library and Information Science (LIS) schools during a pandemic in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa [Oral Presentation] (SALI Trust Grantee) <i>Ms Cebile Ncamsile Majola</i> Lightning Talks • System migration in academic libraries: Lessons from the integrated library system transition at the University of the Free State Libraries [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Joseph Nkanyane</i> • Re-imagining special collections in a digital environment [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Mark Snyders, Ms Sinayo Phike, Mr Reuben Sievers</i>
	SESSION 20: Responding to Changing User Needs Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Mr Sello Malebana</i>	Introduction of speakers • Bakgoma Public Library: A proactive response to user needs for effective economic participation [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Tlou Kola, Ms Sandra Seanego</i> • Providing access to public library services through digital platforms: A City of Johannesburg Library and Information Services (COJLIS) case [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Nomfundo Ngidi</i> • From impressions to insights: Using library data to drive service decisions [Conversational presentation] <i>Mr Mitchel Joffe Hunter</i> Lightning Talks • Are we doing enough? Evaluating the impact of RU Libraries on supporting postgraduate students' learning at Rhodes University [Lightning Talk] <i>Ms Thobile Mthethwa, Mr Samuel Simango</i> • Private academic libraries' response to students' changing needs influenced by volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous learning environments [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Cyril Tlomatsana, Mr Karabo Madiba, Ms Martha Mokgehele, Mrs Shirley Kwabato, Mrs Theresa Mofana, Mr Mthunzi Shangaze</i> • Enhancing student support through online library request services in an open distance e-learning environment in South Africa [Lightning Talk] <i>Dr Mogau Maja</i>

	SESSION 21: Digital Transformation, AI and Ethical Innovation Venue: B3 Session Chair: <i>Mr Unathi Solora</i>	Introduction of speakers - Libraries responding to astronomers' digital literacy needs: Understanding their use of AI and LLMs when writing scientific papers [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Theresa de Young, Ms Zuthobeke Mvakade</i> - Leveraging artificial intelligence for cataloguing in public libraries in South Africa [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Tumelo Evens Mocheke, Prof Madireng Monyela, Ms Thereza Moraka</i> - Equipping academic librarians with AI literacy and modern technological tools to thrive in the AI and Fifth Industrial Revolution (5IR) era [Oral presentation] <i>Mr Dipolelo Tocky Maake</i> - Make me sweat, make me water: How digital information platforms challenge the creative information-seeking behaviour of contemporary dance teachers [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Joelle Meyer</i> Lightning Talks - Reimagining librarianship in the age of artificial intelligence: Staying relevant in a transformative era [Lightning Talk] <i>Mrs Samantha Bennett</i> - Behind the scenes of migration: The cataloguers' role in transitioning from Sierra to Alma [Lightning Talk] <i>Ms Phakama Mlumbi</i> - From human oversight to machine guidance: Navigating ethical risks in AI-assisted research writing and publication [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Siphamandla Mabika, Mrs Faith Nsele</i> - Competitors as collaborators: Collective system's migration project management [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Siyathemba Tshebi</i>
16:00 – 16:30	End of Day Tea Break	
Thursday 08 October 2026		
07:30 - 16:30	Registration	
07:30 - 08:00	Arrival tea	
08:30 – 10:00	SESSION 22: Academic and Research Libraries and LIS schools Venue: B2 Session Chair: <i>Ms Dina Mashiyane</i>	Introduction of speakers - Approaches to ethical artificial intelligence (AI) use in South African universities: Perspectives from library policies and practices [Conversational Presentation] <i>Dr Patricia Makwambeni</i> - Developing confidence: A self-efficacy study on referencing and academic writing at a private higher education institution [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Tania van Rooyen, Mr Sakhile Mbatsana</i> - The influence of data-driven approaches and metrics in enhancing the value of online resource sharing in a distance learning institution [Conversational Presentation] <i>Dr Mogau Maja</i> - A future literacy approach to investigating LIS students' and professionals' perceptions in a technological landscape [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Kim Albertyn, Dr Sheron Ndlovu, Ms Tembela Veronica Mdingi</i> Lightning Talks - Embedding podcasting in the music curriculum: Linking methodologies [Lightning Talk] <i>Mrs Tsholofelo Maleho, Mrs Constance Ndumela, Miss Ayanda Dlepu</i>
	SESSION 23: Public and Community Libraries Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Mrs Manda Hough</i>	Introduction of speakers - Artificial intelligence (AI) literacy among librarians and users in selected public libraries in KwaZulu-Natal [Oral Presentation] <i>Prof Velile Jiyane, Ms Lwandile Khumalo</i> - User perceptions of the effectiveness and relevance of public library services [Oral Presentation] <i>Mr Sello William Malebana, Ms Phuthego Sharon Leboho</i> - The procurement of library materials in the City of Cape Town: An approach to successfully navigating the tender space [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Nazeem Hardy, Ms Luinda Lilley, Mr Gianni Brinkhuys</i> Lightning Talks - Eastern Cape towards libraries of the future [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Anele Moko</i>
	SESSION 24: School Libraries Venue: B3 Session Chair: <i>Dr Kholo Saiya</i>	Guest speaker: <i>Ms Busi Dlamini</i> Paper presentations Introduction of speakers - Assessing the impact of mobile library services on the academic performance of high school students in Mandeni Local Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Nokuzola Khumalo</i> - Promoting information integrity through AI literacy: A case study of secondary school learners at Vleifontein Library [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Prudence Shingange</i>

	SESSION 25: Special Libraries Venue: B4 Session Chair: <i>Ms Mmaditshipi Seageng</i>	Guest speaker: <i>Mr Sibusiso Zondi (Perlego)</i> Paper presentations Introduction of speakers • Rehabilitation of inmates through correctional services libraries and ICT skills: Fostering literacy, education, empowerment, reintegration, and reduced recidivism [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Kamogelo Shabangu, Mr Mmakwena Molala</i> • Collaborative connections and creating impact: Information service partnerships with academic, business, and technology organisations [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Refiloe Mabaso, Dr Daniel Mosako</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Tea Break	
10:15 – 10:45	POSTER SESSION Venue: Exhibition Area All delegates are invited to view the poster presentations and engage with presenters in the Exhibition Area.	
10:45 – 13:00	SESSION 26: Academic and Research Libraries and LIS Schools Venue: B2 Session Chair: <i>Dr Amogelang Mulaudzi</i>	Introduction of speakers • Decolonising subject access in South African libraries: Reclaiming local context through the SA SACO Funnel [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Fatima Darries</i> • Artificial intelligence and the transformation of knowledge organisation: Implications for academic libraries in South Africa [Oral Presentation] <i>Prof Velile Jiyane, Dr Rendani Nevondo</i> • Journal Credibility Checker: Librarians as advocates for ethical publishing [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Vuyo Ngayeka, Mr Maphuntshane Molepo</i> • Students' preferences and strategies for improving remote learning in LIS schools: Evidence from two selected LIS schools in KwaZulu-Natal [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Cebile Ncamsile Majola, Prof Glenrose Velile Jiyane</i> • Beyond repositories: A taxonomy-driven approach to inclusive research discovery in South Africa [Conversational presentation] <i>Ms Thandokazi Maceba, Mr Vuyo Ngayeka, Ms Gadibolae Moshotloa</i> • Steps, stops and iterations: A case study of CPUT Libraries' co-design of an AI-integrated Information Literacy Project [Conversational presentation] <i>Ms Christel Oosthuizen</i> • Innovating for impact: UNISA's Bachelor of Information Science and the future of community learning [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr Lesiba Simon Mojapelo</i>
	SESSION 27: Public and Community Libraries Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Mr Khomotso Mabina</i>	Introduction of speakers • Reimagining critical cataloguing in community libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Prof Madireng Monyela</i> • From storytime to sustainability: South African public libraries collaborating with ECD centres and families to foster early literacy development [Oral Presentation] <i>Mrs Nokuthula Musa, Dr Joyce West</i> • The role of the Rand West City Libraries in providing information access to marginalised communities: Inmates and people living with disabilities [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Thandeka Legae</i> • The promotion of lifelong learning in the digital era by public libraries at eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa [Oral Presentation] (SALI Trust Grantee) <i>Mr Sibongumenzi Victor Ngema</i> Lightning Talks • Leveraging LIASA for digital transformation: a low-cost professional development model for public libraries [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Mzwandile Radebe, Ms Lerato Shibambo</i> • From circulation desk to data: Repositioning the public librarian in a digital knowledge space [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Sipho Fako</i> • From page to screen: eThekweni libraries adapting books into film [Lightning Talk] <i>Mr Khayelihle Sithole</i>
	SESSION 28: School Libraries Venue: B3 Session Chair: <i>Ms Mamohube Moserumula</i>	Introduction of speakers • Advancing literacy skills through collaboration: The role of libraries and children's literature projects [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Erica Mosa Maphothoma, Dr Kganathi Shaku</i> • Enhancing educator practice through digital literacy: A reflective analysis of a library-led development initiative [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mr David Thomas, Mr Prashanth Sivsaran, Mr Sagren Moodley, Dr Mousin Omarsaib</i> • Academic libraries in advancing Sustainable Development Goals and National Development Plan priorities: The case of the UNISA Library and Norridge Primary School [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mrs Mokgadi R. Senyolo, Dr Sizeni Makhathini</i> • The impact of library programmes on Grade 12 learners: A case study of selected public high schools in South Africa [Conversational Presentation] <i>Ms Dikeledi Teffo</i>

	SESSION 29: Special Libraries Venue: B4 Session Chair: <i>Ms Nomonde Maqubela</i>	Workshop/Presentation: <i>Dr Pateka Ntshuntshe-Matshaya [guest speaker]</i> Paper presentations Introduction of speakers - Strategic alignment of library and information services to support organisational information needs: Evidence from the aviation sector [Oral Presentation] <i>Dr Refiloe Mabaso, Ms Gladys Ngwenya</i> - Responding to changing user needs through digital programmes for young offenders in correctional centre libraries [Oral Presentation] <i>Ms Nokwazi Buthelezi, Prof Velile Jiyane</i> Lightning Talks - From collections to connections: Building user-centred library services [Lightning Talk] <i>Ms Asongezwa Fowu, Miss Theresa de Young</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 16:00	SESSION 30: LIASA AGM (closed meeting) Venue: B1 Chair: Mr Maphuntshane Molepo ** Members are reminded to collect their voting cards and quorum slips from the LIASA desk prior to the meeting.	
16:00 - 16:30	End of Day Tea Break	

Friday 09 October 2026

07:30 - 08:30	Arrival tea Venue: Foyer Conference MC: Mr Jan Moeketsi	
08:30 - 09:15	SESSION 31: Plenary Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Dr Shirlene Neerputh</i>	Guest Speaker: <i>Ms Ujala Satgoor</i>
09:15 - 11:00	Session 32: Plenary Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Dr Refilwe Mabaso</i>	- From shelves to stories: Intergenerational Literacy and Indigenous Knowledge preservation in Bushbuckridge Local Municipal Libraries. [Conversational Presentation] <i>Dr Kholo Saiya</i> - Amabali Wepali (If Poles Could Speak): A case study of CPUT Libraries' role in promoting spatial justice and cultural representation. [Conversational Presentation] <i>Mrs Christel Oosthuizen</i> 2025 Award recipients - LIASA - UKS Librarian of the Year - Nevada Emerging Librarian Award - LIASA -WWIS Research Librarian - LIASA - NDEnde Public/Community Library of the Year
11:00 - 11:15	Tea Break	
11:15 - 13:00	SESSION 33: CLOSING SESSION Venue: B1 Session Chair: <i>Mr Maphuntshane Molepo</i>	- Message of support by: <i>OHASA President: Mr Sipho Zulu,</i> <i>SASA Representative</i> - Closing Address <i>Honourable Lebogang Maile,</i> <i>Gauteng MEC for Sport, Art, Culture and Recreation</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
18:00 - 23:59	CONFERENCE DINNER Venue: Ballroom Dress Code: Timeless Sophiatown Welcome Drinks Conference Dinner	

* Lightning Talks: a short paper presented on one PowerPoint slide in 5 minutes

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