



## **Agenda**

# **PwC Higher Education Conference**

**Shifts in higher education: Navigating uncertainty, driving agility**

**Date:** 1–2 September 2025

**Venue:** Century City Conference Centre, Cape Town

## Monday, 1 September 2025

Time Slot	Topic	Speakers
7:30–8:30am	<b>Arrival and registration</b>	
8:30–9am	Welcome and opening	<p><b>Africa Melane</b> Master of Ceremony</p> <p><b>Shirley Machaba</b> Chief Executive Officer, PwC Southern Africa</p> <p><b>Sizwe Masondo</b> Assurance Leader, PwC Southern Africa</p>
9–9:45am	How to thrive at the edge of chaos	<p><b>Bruce Whitfield</b> Media personality and thought leader</p>
9:45–10:30am	Building resilience and adaptability in a period of immense volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity.	<p><b>Prof Ihron Rensburg</b> Distinguished Professor and Senior Advisor to the Higher Education Sector</p>
10:30–11am	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11am–12:45pm	Panel session: Navigating uncertainty, driving agility	<p><b>Prof Letlhokwa Mpedi</b> Vice-Chancellor, University of Johannesburg</p> <p><b>Prof Francis Petersen</b> Vice-Chancellor, University of Pretoria</p> <p><b>Prof Deresh Ramjugernath</b> Vice-Chancellor, Stellenbosch University</p> <p><b>Sally Jeffery</b> Global Education and Skills Leader, PwC</p> <p><b>Dr Husam Zaman</b> Transformational Strategist, Executive Leader, and Board Director</p>
12:45–1pm	Wrap up of plenary session	<p><b>Africa Melane</b> Master of Ceremony</p>
1–2pm	<b>Lunch break</b>	
2–3:15pm	<b>Breakout session option 1</b> Accounting, tax and sustainability reporting update	<p><b>Jameel Essop</b> Partner, PwC South Africa</p> <p><b>Sa'eed Hassanmia Tawildar</b> Senior Manager, PwC South Africa</p> <p><b>Dr Shreeya Jugnandan</b> Director, PwC South Africa</p> <p><b>Bradley Clayton</b> Director, PwC South Africa</p> <p><b>Tanja Potgieter</b> Senior Manager, PwC South Africa</p>
2–3:15pm	<b>Breakout session option 2</b> Trends and developments in digitisation of ERP systems	<p><b>Tshifhiwa Makhari</b> Partner, PwC South Africa</p> <p><b>Winston Anderson</b> Director, PwC South Africa</p>
6:30–10pm	<b>Networking dinner</b>	



## Tuesday, 2 September 2025

Time Slot	Topic	Speakers
8:30–8:45am	Welcome and day 1 recap	<b>Africa Melane</b> Master of Ceremony
8:45–9am	Overview of PwC SATIC	<b>Dilan Radia</b> Chief Executive Officer, South African Technology and Innovation Centre—PwC
9–9:30am	Shifts through collaboration and financial stability	<b>Dr Phethiwe Matutu</b> CEO of Universities South Africa
9:30–10am	Holistic Student Development in the era of change	<b>Prof Ramneek Ahluwalia</b> CEO of Higher Health South Africa
10–10:30am	<b>Tea Break</b>	
10:30–11am	An economic context for navigating uncertainty	<b>Dr Christie Viljoen</b> Senior Economist, PwC South Africa
11–11:30am	Innovating for scale and impact: The need for efficiency in higher education	<b>Dr Stan du Plessis</b> CEO of Stadio Higher Education
11:30am–12pm	Conscious leadership: Navigating through the fragmented world	<b>Prof Shadrack Mazaza</b> UCT Graduate School of Business
12–12:15pm	Wrap up and closure	<b>Roshan Ramdhany</b> Partner, PwC
12:15–1pm	<b>Lunch and departure</b>	

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