

## Pre-conference Workshops: Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5	Workshop 6
10:00-13:00	10:00-13:00	10:00-13:00	10:00-13:00	10:00-13:00	10:00-13:00
<p>College of Education Unisa</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>“Degrees in Whiteness: Higher Education, Open Distance and e-Learning, and the Silencing of Oppression”.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Professor Chris Knaus, University of Washington Tacoma, USA</p>	<p>College of Economic and Management Sciences, Unisa</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>“Re-imagining academic integrity in a technology enabled ODeL environment</i></p>	<p>College of Human Sciences, Unisa</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>Learning Online</i></p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Tracey Tokuhama-Espinosa (Harvard Graduate School of Education, USA)</li> <li>• Professor Nienke van Atteveld (VU) and Dr Tieme Janssen (Maastricht, The Netherlands)</li> <li>• Professor John Hattie (Melbourne Graduate school of Education, Australia)</li> <li>• Megan Smith and Yana Weinstein - The Learning Scientists</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Professor Ignatius Gouws.</p>	<p>Graduate School of Business Leadership, Unisa</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> TBC</p>	<p>College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Unisa</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>“Real-world sustainability learning in ODeL: Opportunities and challenges for research”</i></p>	<p>University of Eswatini, and North-West University</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>“How to improve Teacher Education through the use of the Open Science framework”</i></p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Karen Ferriera-Meyers (Eswatini)</li> <li>• Dr. Amit Dhakulkar (North-West University)</li> </ul>

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## FORMAL OPENING PROGRAMME

### Day 1

## Wednesday Morning, 3 August 2022 PLENARY SESSION

Programme Director: Professor Sarah-Jane Johnston, University of South Africa, South Africa

10:00-10:05	<b>Opening and Welcome</b>
10:05-10:20	<b>Welcome Address</b> Professor Puleng LenkaBula Principal and Vice-Chancellor University of South Africa South Africa
10:20-10:35	<b>In Context</b> Professor Thenjiwe Meyiwa Vice-Principal, Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation Portfolio University of South Africa South Africa
10:35-10:40	Introduction of Keynote Speaker
10:40-11:25	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> Professor Asha Singh Kanwar President and Chief Executive Officer Commonwealth of Learning Canada  Topic: <i><b>“All Things Research in Open Distance and eLearning”</b></i>

11:25-11:40	Q&A Session with Professor Asha Singh Kanwar
11:40-11:45	Comfort Break
11:45-11:50	Introduction of Session Chair and Panellists
11:50-12:50	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Topic: <i>Emerging Research Approaches in ODeL</i></b></p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Cosmas Maphosa, University of Eswatini, Eswatini, Southern Africa</li> <li>• Professor Nyna Amin, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa</li> <li>• Dr Tony Mays, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada</li> <li>• Dr Ruth Aluko, University of Pretoria, South Africa</li> </ul> <p><i>Session Chair: Dr Lydia Mbatlana, University of South Africa, South Africa</i></p> <p><b><i>Questions are invited in the chat box during the panel discussion</i></b></p>
12:50 -13:35	<b>Panel Q&amp;A Session</b>
13:20 - 13:30	<b>Overview of Day 1</b>

## Day 2

Thursday Morning, 4 August 2022

### PLENARY SESSION

Programme Director: Dr Thuli Shandu-Phetla, University of South Africa, South Africa

Plenary Session	
10:00 -10:05	Welcome and Day's Programme
10:05 -10:50	<b>Keynote address</b> Dr Marti Cleveland-Innis Professor of Open, Digital, and Distance Education, Athabasca University and Visiting Professor of Pedagogy, Mid-Sweden University Canada  <b>Topic: "Researching Community of Inquiry Design in Open, Digital, and Distance Education."</b>
10:50-11:05	Q&A Session with Dr Marti Cleveland-Innis
11:05-11:10	Comfort Break
11:10-11:20	Introduction of Session Chair and Panellists
11:20-12:20	<b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Topic: <i>Balancing Cost, Quality and Access - Time to Revisit the Iron Triangle</i></b>

	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Catherine Mkude, Open University of Tanzania, Tanzania</li> <li>• Professor Paul Henry Gundani, Zimbabwe Open University, Zimbabwe</li> <li>• Professor Jako Olivier, North-West University, South Africa</li> <li>• Professor Mpine Makoe, Commonwealth of Learning Chair: Open Education Resource/Practices, Unisa, South Africa</li> <li>• Dr Mary Ooko, University of Pretoria, South Africa</li> </ul> <p><i>Session Chair: Dr Violet Makuku, Association of African Universities (AAU)</i></p> <p><b>Questions are invited in the chat box during the panel discussion</b></p>
12:20-13:00	<b>Panel Q&amp;A Session</b>
12:40 -12:45	<b>Overview of Day 2</b>

**Thursday, 4 August 2022**

## **AFTERNOON SESSIONS**

### **UNISA ODeL e-Conference Communique**

In 2021, the Steering Committee made a strategic decision to partner with Unisa Press. This was in recognition of the Press' technical and organizational capacity in terms of providing digital clerical platforms as well as online systems for managing, monitoring and evaluating the paper submission processes. When the Committee of ODeL Experts began receiving paper submissions for oral presentation at the conference, a decision was taken to subject the review of the papers through the ScienceOpen online system. Unlike the conventional blind-peer review system that is used by scholarly journals, where the identities of the reviewers are not disclosed, in ScienceOpen the identity of the reviewers and their comments are visible at all times. The reason for this is that the Open Access space in which the reviews take place requires reviews to be well-written, constructive, courteous, transparent, and above all, developmental.

### **Paper Presentations Programme to be Announced**

**13:00-14:30**

***Watch this space! Paper titles and streams will be announced as soon as they become available.***

***Note: Questions are invited in the chat box during the paper presentations***

## ODEL Postgraduate Student Consortium Programme to be Announced

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### Day 3

Friday Morning, 5 August 2022

### PLENARY SESSION

Programme Director: Professor Rudi Pretorius, University of South Africa, South Africa

Plenary Session	
10:00	Welcome
10:00-10:05	Day's Programme
10:05-10:50	<b>Keynote address</b> Dr Olaf Zawacki-Richter Professor of Educational Technology Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Science Director of the Center for Open Education Research (COER) University of Oldenburg Germany  <b>Topic: "Systematic Reviews in Open, Distance, and Digital Education Research"</b>
10:50-11:05	Q&A Session with Dr Olaf Zawacki-Richter
11:05-11:10	Comfort Break
11:10-11:20	Introduction of Session Chair and Panellists
11:20-12:20	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Topic: Professional Research Development in ODeL</b> <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Gino Fransman, Nelson Mandela University, Gqeberha, South Africa</li><li>• Professor Evrim Baran, Iowa State University, Iowa, United States of America</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Santosh Panda, Indira Gandhi National Open University, India</li> <li>• Professor Yulia Platanova, Venture Management, Higher School of Economics, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia</li> </ul> <p><i>Session Chair: Professor Jennifer Roberts, University of South Africa, South Africa</i></p> <p><b>Questions are invited in the chat box during panel discussion</b></p>
12:20 -13:00	<b>Panel Q&amp;A Session</b>
12:40 -12:45	<b>Overview of day 3</b>

**Friday, 5 August**

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