



AI Indaba & Library Technology EXPO

22 - 23 October 2025

National Library of South Africa Auditorium | Pretoria

Programme

Day 1 – Wednesday, 22 October 2025

Theme: Innovating Research and Public Libraries in the Age of Artificial

Time	Item	Speaker(s)
08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Networking Tea	–
09:00 – 09:05	Opening Announcements & House Rules	Programme Director
09:05 – 09:15	Opening & Welcome Remarks	Dr Nasiphi Moya Mayor: City of Tshwane
09:15 – 09:30	Purpose of the conference	Dr Ralph Links CEO NLSA
09:30 – 09:45	Message of Support	Prof Lefose Makgahlela, LIASA President Elect
09:45 – 09:50	Introduction of the Minister	Chairperson, NLSA Board
09:50 – 10:30	Keynote Address	Honourable Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture
10:20 – 10:30	Official Opening of the EXPO (Exhibition Walkabout)	
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break & EXPO Viewing	
11:00 – 11:20	The Global Outlook: AI in the Knowledge Economy	Dr Mia Ridge, British Library
11:20 – 11:40	AI driven Library and Information Science in the 5IR: State of readiness in South Africa	DR Mashilo Modiba UNISA

11:40 – 12:00	Reimagining African Libraries: From Knowledge Hubs to Data Miners for AI Algorithms	Damilare Oyedele Library Aid Africa
12:00 – 12:20	Agentic & GenAI – Offline models for Data Sovereignty	Mandre Stander Cocre8
12:20 – 12:40	AI in Cybersecurity: Our Greatest Defender — or Our Smartest Threat?	Stephan Gilliland CoCre8
12:40 – 12:50	Discussion Session	
12:50- 13:50	Lunch & EXPO Viewing	
13:40– 14:00	Training the Transformers: Building AI Competencies for Librarians in the Global South.	Ms Sibongiseni Mrwashu Fort Hare University
14:00– 14:20	AI is at its best when guided by human expertise – Transforming the library experience	Pierre Malan: Director of Client Services-SABINET
14:20 – 14:40	Robotics: Ongoing innovation within LIS	Mr Cecil Gasa North-West University
14:40 – 15:00	AI & Libraries – Redefining Teaching & Learning Support	Prof Maria Frahm-Arp University of Johannesburg
15:00 – 15:15	Discussion Session	
15:15 – 15:30	Comfort Break	
15:30 – 15:50	Heritage Intelligence: Preserving Memory, Building Trust, and Empowering Access Through AI	Edward Müller (Mintgroup)
15:50 – 16:10	Smart Library Platform Solution	Sharon Uchechukwu HUAWEI
16:10 – 16:20	AI is a magic box, except when it isn't! What EBSCO is doing to help researchers	Bronwyn Rassmann - EBSCO
16:30 - 16:50	The impact of disruptive technologies on employability in the private sector: Perspective of Library and Information Science Graduates in South Africa.	DrAmogelang Molaudzi, University of Limpopo
16:50 – 17:10	Discussion Session	
17:10 – 17:15	Closing Announcements – Day 1	Programme Director

Day 2 – Thursday, 23 October 2025

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Time	Activity	Speaker(s)
08:30 – 09:20	Arrival & EXPO Walkabout	
09:20 – 09:30	Opening Announcements & Day Overview	Programme Director
09:30 – 09:50	NLSA Library User registration Solution	Eddy Mabuza Ndende Technologies
09:50– 10:10	Beyond Books: Building Smart, Sustainable, and Culturally Connected Libraries in Türkiye	Merve YAVUZDEMİR Turkey National Library
10:10 – 10:30	AI in Africa: Kenya Case Study	Ms Purity Kavuri Kenya National Library
10:50 – 11:10	Discussion Session	
11:10 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee Break & EXPO Viewing	
11:30– 12:20	Panel Discussion: How Provincial LIS use AI and other 4 th & 5 th IR technologies - milestones & challenges.	Petronella Mouton Western Cape, Vonani Baloyi(Gauteng), Dr Ntshuntshe-Matshaya SALB: Facilitating – Dr Amogelang Molaudzi
12:30 – 13:30	Live streaming – SA Public libraries Digital literacy initiatives	Jeff Nyoka City of Johannesburg & LIASA
13:30 – 14:00	Lunch & Networking	
14:00– 14:40	Reflections – Mapping the way forward for SA Libraries	Dr Hamilton Mphidi University of Johannesburg
14:40 – 14:50	Closing remarks	Mr Phasha NLSA Board Member
14:50- 15:00	Vote of thanks	Ms Nokuthula Musa



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