

ESWATINI EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION & ESWATINI HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL (SERA-ESHEC)

Date: 6 – 8 December 2023

Venue: Esibayeni Lodge



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023

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TIME	
14:00 – 15:30	Conference Staff Meeting
16:00 – 18:00	Early Registration Begins Venue: Esibayeni lodge

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023

OPENING CEREMONY

07:30	Delegates' Registration Resumes: Venue: Esibayeni Lodge
	Main Venue Chairperson : Director of Education & Training
	National Anthem
08:30	Opening Prayer
	Welcome Remarks: Eswatini Education Research Association – Dr Alfred Tsikati
	Entertainment: Brass Band
08:30-09:15	Conference Remarks By ESHEC CEO-Dr Loretta Mkhonta
09:15-09:40	Special Remarks By the Vice Chancellor University of Eswatini: Professor Justice Thwala
	Special Remarks By ESHEC Board – Makhosazane Madondo
09:40-09:50	Entertainment by Salesians High School Brass Band

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09:50-10:20	Introduction of Honourable Minister by MoET Principal Secretary
	Guest Speaker: Minister of Education and Training- Honourable Owen Nxumalo
10:20-10:30	Entertainment by Traditional Dance by Elangeni High School
10:30-11:00	Official Opening by Eswatini Education Research Association Patron – Inkhosikati LaMatsebula
11:00	Recognition and honouring distinguished Educators in Eswatini - EERA
11:30	Recognition of Conference Sponsors: Umsebe Publishers; Macmillan Publishers; Van Schaik Publishers, and Esibayeni Lodge;
	Group Photo
TEA BREAK	
12:00-12:45	First Keynote Speech: Professor Alfred Henry Makura –Central University of Technology-South Africa SPEECH TITLE: The Reconfiguration of African Higher Education in the Post-COVID-19 Era and the Role of Women in the Emerging Context [
12:45:13:45	LUNCH BREAK

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BREAKAWAY SESSIONS			
PRGRAMME DIRECTOR: DR R. MAFUMBATE*			
	Venue: Main Conference Session Chair: Prof F. Sibanda	Venue: Break Away 1 Session Chair: Ntandoyenkosi Satamwe	Venue: Break Away 2 Session Chair: Futhi .S.Mdluli
14:00-14:20	SERA-ESHEC 14/2023 -Artificial Intelligence and Teacher Education: Opportunities and Challenges for the African Higher Education Kudzayi Saviyosi Tarisayi (PhD) Faculty of Education Stellenbosch University, South Africa.	SERA-ESHEC43 /2023 -The State of Students' Wellness in Higher Education Institutions: Lessons from Selected Institutions in Eswatini. Dr Mkhumbulo Ndlovu; Mr Edward Muzondo; Prof Solomon Makola; & Prof Gawie Schlebusch: Eswatini Medical Christian University & Central University of Technology, Free State	SERA-ESHEC25/2023 -The use of student-centred teaching by secondary school agriculture teachers in Eswatini Mr. Bandzile Kunene and Prof. M. P. Dlamini, University of Eswatini
14:20--14:40	SERA-ESHEC-41/2023 -Ethical Considerations in Teaching Religion in the Age of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education. Professor Fortune Sibanda University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC-37/2023 Exploring the integration of selected software for Mathematics teaching in Bulawayo, Reigate District, Zimbabwe. Ntandoyenkosi Satamwe Hillside Teachers'College	SERA-ESHEC 29/2023 - The implementation of education and training curricula in correctional services centres in bizzah makhate management area. Dr Modise M.A, and Dr K.B. Segola. Central University of Technology, Free State (SOUTH AFRICA
IT'S LUNCH TIME			

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	Venue: Conference venue Session Chair: Dr Patience. Dlamini	Venue: 1 Session Chair: Dr Diba C.R Modise	Venue: 2 Session Chair: Ms Zebron
14: 40-15:00	SERA-ESHEC23/2023- An Analysis of Science Teacher Classroom Practices Employed in Assessing Multiple Intelligences Vuyisile Matsebula & Sibusiso Masuku, Examinations Council of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC 15/2023- Are bathroom walls war zones? An analysis of hate speech graffiti in one secondary school in the Hhohho Region of Eswatini Mr. Musa Sipho Nxumalo, Madzanga High School.	SERA-ESHEC 12/2023- Pupils perceptions towards Guidance and Counselling services offered in the Northern Hhohho high schools in Eswatini. Phetsile Dlamini & Molyne Mpfu, Alfred Tsikati, Ngomane High School & University of Eswatini
15:00-15:20	SERA-ESHEC27/2023- An approach to addressing challenges in educational research through the use of mixed methods approach. Dr Yinusa A. Faremi University of Eswatini,	SERA-ESHEC 52/2023- An investigation of the challenges faced by public colleges in Eswatini: Implications for Eswatini Institution of Management and public Administration. Dr. Lungile Baphetsile Ngcamphalala. Ministry of Public Service, Eswatini Institute of Management and Public Administration (EIMPA)	SERA-ESHEC 22/2023- Parents' and teachers perceptions on the contribution of guidance and counselling in molding a versatile citizen. A case of Chinhoji Urban ECD centers, Zimbabwe. Shupikai Zebron. University of KwaZulu Natal
15:20-15:40	SERA-ESHEC24/2023- Aligning micro credentials and lifelong learning for development in higher education Patience S. Dlamini, Talent Rugube , Khetsiwe .E Mthethwa-Kunene & Cosmas Maphosa University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC 18/2023- The district support team as a supporting structure during their visit to high schools in the Motheo district. Diba C.R. Modise MA and Kimanzi K Central University of Technology Free State	SERA-ESHEC 31/2023- Transition Voices: Perspectives, Concerns, and Possibilities as children transition from an affiliated Early Childhood Care and Education centre to a public school first grade in Eswatini. Novuyo Nkomo
15:40-16:00	SERA-ESHEC 42/2023 Evaluation of the Pre-Service Teacher Education Curriculum Agricultural programme context: A view of teachers and teacher's educators' perspective. Dr Lungile B Tsabedze. Prof M. A Dube and Prof Alademerin. University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC 16/2023- Examining the Employability of Teacher Education Products: A case study of a government – owned teacher training institution in Eswatini. Thembekile Nobusika Msibi; Dr Caroline Lomalungelo Dlamini & Dr Makhosazana Gamedze. William Pitcher College.	SERA-ESHEC 38/2023 Determinants for effective environmental and sustainability education integration into pre-service teachers' curriculum practices in Eswatini. Dr Job Stephen Kyamagi & Professor Ailwei Solomon Mawela .Southern Africa Nazarene University, Eswatini & University of South Africa
18:00	END OF DAY 1 COCKTAIL AND NETWORKING		

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DAY 2: THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023

BREAKAWAY SESSIONS

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: DR S. SHONGWE*

08:30-08:45	Re-Cap
08:45-09:30	<p>Second Keynote Speech:</p> <p>ESHEC-Professor Marissa Rollnick - BSc, HDipEd, MSc, PhD-WITWATERSRAND</p> <p>SPEECH TITLE: A RESEARCH-BASED APPROACH TO CHARACTERISING AND REMEDIATING THE GAP BETWEEN SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY – LESSONS FROM ESWATINI, SOUTH AFRICA AND BEYOND</p>
09:30-10:00	Students' Talk on Emerging Context in Eswatini Education
10:00-10:15	TEA BREAK

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	Venue: Main Conference Session Chair: Dr Vincent Chidindu Asogwa	Venue: Break Away 1 Session Chair: Dr L. Perira	Venue: Break Away 2 Session Chair: Dr Y.A Faremi
10:15-10:35	SERA-ESHEC62/2023 Individual Dynamics as a Function of Teaching and Learning at a School for the Deaf. Dr Sabelo M Khumalo. Ngwane Teachers College	SERA-ESHEC26/2023- Assessment of the management of teaching practice in agriculture teacher preparation programme at the university of Eswatini. Hlengiwe Dlodlu & Alfred F. Tsikati. Agriculture Department, Masibekela High School & University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC63/2023 Swazi learners' understanding of the value of English in education and other domains in Swaziland Dr. Sphiwe M. Dlodlu & Ms. Nomvuyo P. Nhlengethwa
10:35-	SERA-ESHEC 53/2023 -Guidance and counselling for	SERA-ESHEC30/2023. Enhancing inclusive education	SERA-ESHEC 38/2023 Determinants for effective

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10:55	empowerment in current context. Dr. Webster Chihambakwe	for social transformation in a South African Higher Educational Institution. Ginika Peace	environmental and sustainability education integration into pre-service teachers' curriculum practices in eswatini. Dr Job Stephen Kyamagi & Professor Ailwei Solomon Mawela .Southern Africa Nazarene University, Eswatini & University of South Africa
10:55-11:15	SERA-ESHEC-59/2023 -Inclusive classroom management skills for agricultural science teachers in senior secondary schools in Abia State, Nigeria Dr Vincent Chidindu Asogwa University of Eswatini, Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC-58/2023 -Junior business studies textbooks and quality education in developing countries: the case of Eswatini and Lesotho Dr Zodwa Treasure Dlamini & Dr Liphie Pereira University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC-33/2023 -Enhancing reflection in Teaching Practice through the use of Student Journals Dr. Boy B. Dlamini, Dr. Makhosazana Gamedze, Dr. Lindiwe N. Magagula, Dr. Mlungisi H. Dlamini, Dr. Caroline L. Dlamini. Dr. Rachel T. Antones-Dlamini

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11:15-11:35	SERA-ESHEC 49/2023 - Investigation of Teacher Presence during Online Learning. Menzi G. Simelane & Alfred F. Tsikati. Mliba High School & University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC62/2023 "Enhancing Scientific Reasoning in Eswatini Classrooms: Leveraging Feedback from Physical Science Public Examinations. Mr Sibusiso Masuku. Examinations Council of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC 38/2023 Determinants for effective environmental and sustainability education integration into pre-service teachers' curriculum practices in Eswatini. Dr Job Stephen Kyamagi & Professor Ailwei Solomon Mawela .Southern Africa Nazarene University, Eswatini & University of South Africa
11:35-11:55	SERA-ESHEC 44/2023 -Experiences of Higher Education Institutions in establishing Quality Assurance Units in Eswatini. Dr Mkhumbulo Ndlovu; Dr Goodness X Tshabalala; Dr Nkhululeko L Nxumalo; Prof Solomon Makola; University of Eswatini & Central University of Technology, Free State	SERA04/2023 -Assessing the Counselling Needs and Coping Strategies of Students at Higher and Tertiary Level in Zimbabwe Sipikelelo Mugari (PhD) & Moses Kufakunesu- Prof (PhD) Great Zimbabwe University	SERA-ESHEC 45/2023 -Improvisation, a fantastic talk shop by science teachers in one developing country. Francis Mavhunga (Ph.D.) University of Eswatini
11:55-12:15	SERA07/2023 -Analysis of Adult Education Programmes for the Transformation of African Societies Omoregie, C. D. & Ngcobo L. M Department of Adult Education University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC 47/2023 -Assessment of Poultry Farmers' Use of Communication Channels for Agricultural Information: Implications for Sustainable Agricultural Development in Nigeria. Lukman, M; Olaniyi, O. A and Dlamini, M.M Ladoke Akintola University of Technology & University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC-34/2023 . Strengthening Teaching Practice Assessment: Students' voices on the usability of the school-based showcase portfolio Dr. Boy B. Dlamini, Dr. Makhosazana Gamedze, Dr. Lindiwe N. Magagula, Dr. Mlungisi H. Dlamini, Dr. Caroline L. Dlamini. Dr. Rachel T. Antones-Dlamini
11:25-11:45	TEA TIME		

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	Venue: Main Conference Session Chair: Dr J.R Phori	Venue: Break Away 1 Session Chair: Ms Portia P. Mkhonta	Venue: Break Away 2 Session Chair: Khetsiwe .E Mthethwa-Kunene
12:15 12:35	SERA-ESHEC05/2023 -The philosophy behind traditional marriage in 21 st century Nguni societies: A case of Emaswati and Amazulu. Thembekile.Msibi & Dr. G. University of KwaZulu-Natal	SERA-ESHEC 08/2023 -Strategies for Improving English Language Competency in Learners in Rural School Contexts in the Lubombo Region of Eswatini. Hlanze, Mncedi M. University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC 13/2023 -Enhancing participation of parents whose children have special educational needs in Lesotho early childhood education. Malebohang Catherine Morena. National University of Lesotho
12:35- 12:55	SERA-ESHEC 09/2023 -Capacity building need of Agriculture teachers for effective teaching entrepreneurship components in high schools in Eswatini Gcinile P. Dlamini, University of Eswatini,	SERA-ESHEC 06/2023 -Individual Dynamics for Effective Implementation of Mainstream English Curriculum at a School for the Deaf Sabelo Mlungisi Khumalo, Makhosazana Edith Shoba & Simon Bhekumuzi Khoza Ngwane Teachers Training College, Eswatini, & University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa.	SERA-ESHEC 17/2023 -Students' perceptions of the Health and Life Skills Education Module: The Case of Great Zimbabwe University Students. Sipikelelo Mugari (PhD); Simuforosa Magwa- Prof (PhD)& Munyaradzi Chidarikire (PhD) Great Zimbabwe University
13:00 14:00	IT'S LUNCH TIME		
14:00 16:00	IT'S EXCURSION TIME		

FINAL DAY 3: FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 2023**BREAKAWAY SESSIONS****PRGRAMME DIRECTOR: DR E. SHONGWE***

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08:30 08:40 Previous Day Reflections			
	Venue: Main Conference Session Chair: Dr. W. Chihambakwe	Venue: break Away 1 Session Chair: Prof Karen Ferreira-Meyers	Venue: Break Away 2 Session Chair: Dr. Mkhumbulo Ndlovu
08:40-09:00	SERA-ESHEC-56/2023-Realigning Education for Developments in the Institutions of Higher learning through an SBM based Problem-Solving Empowering Education. Dr D. Muyabala Munachitombwe-Muna ¹	SERA-ESHEC 54/2023 History education as a vehicle for social cohesion and sustainable development. A Critical Review of Eswatini Curriculum. Khumalo Charity & Vilane Mduzi	SERA-ESHEC61/2023- The experiences of children raised by foster parents in the Kingdom of Eswatini. Phumuzani Mpofu & Tatenda Thelma Machingauta. University of the Witwatersrand & Midlands State University Alumni
09:00-09:20	SERA-ESHEC20/2023- The Reality of uncertainty: Exploring the plight of contract teachers in the Education System of Eswatini Dr Siphosho Shongwe University of Eswatini.	SERA-ESHEC 62/2023 Strategies used by teachers in teaching gifted and talented learners in regular primary schools in the hohho region, Eswatini Maseko, S.D. Thwala, s. K. & Faremi, Y.A.. University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC03/2023-Functional Education: A recipe for National and Technological Development of Nigeria Babatunde Adeoye Adeyemo & Ajao, Amos Adewale Aminu Saleh College of Education, Azare, Nigeria
09:20-09:40	SERA-ESHEC 52/ 2023-An investigation of the challenges faced by public colleges in Eswatini, implications for eswatini institute of management and public administration. Dr. Lungile Baphetsile Ngcamphalala. Ministry of Public Service, Eswatini Institute of Management and Public Administration (EIMPA)	SERA-ESHEC21/2023- Experiences of Postgraduate Students during Proposal Writing and Defence Period: A Wellness Perspective. Mafumbate Racheal. University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC-40/2023-Experiences of post graduate students on the use of MOODLE LMS platform at a higher education institute in Eswatini Monde Chanda Vibetti-Dlamini, Zodwa Gcinaphi Nxumalo & Sithulisiwe Bhebe
09:40-10:00	TEA TIME		
	Venue: Main Conference Session Chair: Dr. Rachel T. Antonés Dlamini	Venue: Break Away 1 Session Chair: Dr. Caroline Dlamini	Venue: Break Away 2 Session Chair: Dr. Zodwa Treasure Dlamini
10:00-10:20	SERA-ESHEC 51/2024-Realigning education for developments in the institutions of higher learning Dr. Webster Chihambakwe	SERA-ESHEC10/2023 The COTE programme: Creating Opportunities for Quality Online Teaching, An Evaluation Contemporary Issues in Institutions of Higher Learning in Africa. Prof Karen Ferreira-Meyers. Institute of Distance Education. University of Eswatini.	SERA-ESHEC-35/2023 The Rise of students Class Boycotts in Tertiary Institutions: Perceptions of Students in One Institution of Higher Learning in Eswatini. Dr. Boy B. Dlamini, Dr. Makhosazana Gamedze, Dr. Lindiwe N. Magagula, Dr. Mlungisi H. Dlamini, Dr. Caroline L. Dlamini. Dr. Rachel T. Antonés-Dlamini
10:20-10:40	SERA-ESHEC-36/2023- English as a Second Language teachers' attitudinal beliefs in <i>sourcing</i> literary materials online. Sihle V. Ndaba- Dlamini & Prof. L.J. De	SERA-ESHEC28/2023- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET): driving youth skills to narrow the economic divide in Eswatini. Gaiphos A. F.	SERA-ESHEC-33/2023-Enhancing reflection in Teaching Practice through the use of Student Journals Dr. Boy B. Dlamini, Dr. Makhosazana Gamedze, Dr. Lindiwe N.

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10:40 11:00	SERA-ESHEC 67/2023 Accountability and transparency as good management practices of High schools. Mr S Mhlanga	SERA-ESHEC 66/2023 Assessment methods required for future agricultural Education Curriculum regarding 21 st Century skills possession by graduates in Eswatini Gule, Zanele. M. (Ms.), Dlamini, Marietta P. (Prof.) & Alademerin Edwards (Prof) University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHECII/2023-Problematising the quest for human development through empowerment: the case of life orientaiton in schools. Dr. Modise MA & Dr. Phori JR Central University of Technology & Free Sate Basic Education.
11:00 11:20	SERA-ESHEC 02/2023: Theory and practice: the case of the mother tongue, siSwati Language in Education Policy. Celiwe V. Mohammed ¹ & Portia P. Mkhonta Ministry of Education and Training & University of Eswatini	SERA-ESHEC 19/2023- The prevalence of an ethnomathematics approach among the secondary school mathematics teachers in Eswatini. Munamoto Turugari Workers College	SERA-ESHEC 01/2023: Curbing teachers' physical violence of learners in Lubombo region primary schools in Eswatini Elmon Jabulane Shongwe. Southern Africa Nazarene University, Kingdom of Eswatini
11:20 11:40	SERA-ESHEC-32/2023- The School-Based Showcase Portfolio: An alternative teaching practice evaluation tool for teacher training colleges in Eswatini Dr. Boy B. Dlamini, Dr. Makhosazana Gamedze, Dr. Lindiwe N. Magagula, Dr. Mlungisi H. Dlamini, Dr. Caroline L. Dlamini. Dr. Rachel T. Antones-Dlamini. William Pitcher College.		SERA-ESHEC 31/2023- Transition Voices: Perspectives, Concerns, and Possibilities as children transition from an affiliated Early Childhood Care and Education centre to a public school first grade in Eswatini. Novuyo Nkomo
11:40-11:50	Communique: LOC Chair – Dr R Mafumbate		
11:50-12:20	Closing Remarks: Honourable Minister of education and Training Owen Nxumalo		
12:20:12:30	Vote of Thanks By Eswatini Education Research Association President		
12:30:13:30	FINAL CONFERENCE LUNCH		
FAREWELL			

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