

## COVID postmortem - Can we fix or train our way out of the chaos?

### Programme DAY 1: 12 October 2022

- 07:00-08:00 Registration  
The Programme Director .....Prof Dan Metsileng
- 08:00-08:10 Welcome on behalf of the NWU and recognition of long-standing partnerships with the NWU .....Prof Sonja Swanepoel
- 08:10-08:25 Confirmation of the programme, acknowledgement of dignitaries and sponsors.....Prof Babs Surujlal
- 08:25-08:50 Multi-dimensional post-Covid industry analysis.....Ms Rirhandzu Mashava

#### MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

- 08:50-09:05 Road Freight.....Mr Gavin Kelly
- 09:05-09:20 Road Passengers.....Dr Joash Mageto
- 09:20-09:35 Taxi Industry.....Mr Bafana Mkhwebane
- 09:35-09:50 Funding challenges in the industry.....Mr Danie Baard
- 09:50-10:05 Industry expectations from law enforcement .....Ms Dipsy Wechoemang
- 10:05-10:20 Coffee and tea
- 10:20-10:40 Wellness and well-being.....Dr Dorcas Lesenyego
- 10:40-11:10 Capacity building .....Ms Maphefo Anno Frempong

#### UNPACK

- 11:10-13:30 Focused co-chaired (speaker plus facilitator) breakaway discussions as per the above delineation in venues to be confirmed. Conduct a very quick SWOT analysis to commence the process of mapping out the future. Standard guidelines and instructions will be provided.

- Road freight.....Mr Kevin van der Merwe
- Road passengers.....Dr Joash Mageto & Ms Abigail Mooketsi
- Taxi industry.....Ramodise Tsolo & Bafana Mkhwebane
- International trade .....Prof Diana Viljoen-Bezuidenhout
- Industry expectations from law enforcement.....Ms Dipsy Wechoemang
- HR and emotional issues .....Dr Dorcas Lesenyego
- Capacity building.....Ms Karen Visser

- 13:30-14:15 Lunch

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### REPORT BACK

- 14:15-15:15 Report back .....Break away session co-chairs  
15:15-15:30 Coffee and tea  
15:30-16:15 Consideration of an action plan for future liberation.....  
.....Ms Karen Visser & Prof Diana Viljoen-Bezuidenhout  
16:15-16:30 Community engagement in the Faculty.....Prof Ntebo Moroke  
16:30-16:45 Wrap up, Thank you and Closure for the day.....Prof Steve Dunga

### NETWORK AND GALA DINNER

- 16:15-19:00 Networking  
18:00-19:00 Registration and pre-dinner drinks  
19:00-19:15 Welcome.....Prof Linda du Plessis  
19:15-19:20 Introduction of guest speaker .....Prof Hein Prinsloo  
19:20-19:40 It's not all doom and gloom.....Prof Alistair Mokoena  
19:40-19:55 Introduction and acknowledgement of Mr Tete Dijane, the winner of  
Comrades Marathon 2022.....Prof Dan Metsileng  
19:55-20:00 Grace.....Prof Steve Dunga  
20:00 Dinner is served

Wine and soft drinks are provided on the tables.  
Cash bar available.

Thank you for joining us and enjoy the evening!

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### Programme DAY 2: 13 October 2022

07:30-08:20 Registration

08:20-08:30 Welcome and opening.....Prof Linda du Plessis

#### RESEARCH AT THE NWU

08:30-08:50 The worth of research .....Prof Lucius Botes

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09:05-09:15 TRADE.....Prof Zandri Dickason-Koekemoer

09:15-09:25 GIFT.....Prof Annamarie Pelser

09:25-09:35 TELIT-SA.....Prof Liandi van den Bergh

09:35-09:45 Development Research.....Prof Lucius Botes

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

09:45-09:55 Introduction of the keynote speaker.....Prof Wynand Grobler

09:55-10:20 The potential role of transport in the development of the South African economy,  
a post-Covid perspective.....Prof Biju Thapalia

10:20-10:40 Panel discussion

10:40-11:00 Coffee and Tea

#### RESEARCH IN INDUSTRY

11:00-11:15 TETA.....Ms Ouma Mashabane Ledwaba

11:15-11:35 DOT.....Mr Simon Sikabira

11:35-11:50 CSIR.....Mr Shaun Mhlanga

11:50-13:00 Unpack the way forward....Ms Karen Visser & Prof Diana Viljoen-Bezuidenhout

13:00-13:15 Thank you and closure .....Prof Linda du Plessis

13:15 Lunch

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### Speakers (in order of appearance) Day 1: 12 October 2022

Prof Dan Metsileng (Programme Director)

Deputy Director: NWU, School of Economic Sciences (Mahikeng Campus)

Prof Sonia Swanepoel

Deputy Vice-Chancellor: NWU (Mahikeng Campus)

Prof Babs Surajlal

Executive Dean: NWU, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Ms Rirhandzu Mashave

Deputy Director General: Department of Transport (DOT)

Mr Gavin Kelly

CEO: Road Freight Association (RFA)

Dr Joash Mageto

Transport Economist: University of Johannesburg

Mr Bafana Mkhwebane

Director: Department of Transport

Mr Danie Baard

Chief Executive Officer: Southern Seas Group

Ms Dipsy Wechoemang

Chief Director: Corporate Services, Civilisation Secretariat of Police Services

Dr Dorcas Lesenyego

Deputy Director: NWU, Industrial Psychology and Human Resource Management (Mahikeng Campus)

Ms Maphefo Anno Frempong

CEO: Transport Education and Training Authority (TETA)

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### **BREAK AWAY SESSIONS**

Mr Kevin van der Merwe  
Executive Manager: RFA

Ms Abigail Mooketsi  
Lecturer: NWU, Transport Economics and Logistics Management, NWU (Mahikeng Campus)

Mr Ramodise Tsolo  
Executive Officer: Taxi Chamber, TETA

Prof Diana Viljoen-Bezuidenhout  
Co-Chair: TETA Research Chair at NWU

Ms Karen Visser  
Co-Chair: TETA Research Chair at NWU

Prof Ntebo Moroke  
Deputy Dean: Community and Stakeholder Engagement: NWU, Faculty of Economic and  
Management Sciences (Mahikeng Campus)

Prof Steve Dunga  
Deputy Director: NWU School of Economic Sciences (Vanderbijlpark Campus)

### **GALA DINNER**

Prof Hein Prinsloo  
Marketing Specialist: NWU Business School, (Vanderbijlpark Campus)

Prof Linda du Plessis  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor: NWU (Vanderbijlpark Campus)

Dr Alistair Mokwena  
Chief Executive Officer: Google Africa

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Prof Lucius Botes

Director: Research Development, NWU Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prof Zandri Dickason-Koekemoer

Director: TRADE, NWU Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prof Annamarie Pelsler

Director: GIFT, NWU Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prof Liandi van den Bergh

Director: TELIT-SA, NWU Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prof Wynand Grobler

Director: NWU, School of Economic Sciences

Prof Biju Kumar Thapalia

Dean: Faculty of Management, Purbanchal University (Nepal)

Ms Ouma Mashabane Ledwaba

Director: Research and Knowledge Unit, TETA

Mr Simon Sikabira

Director: Research, DOT

Mr Shaun Mhlanga

Senior Researcher: Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)