


**Monday 1 December 2025**

**07:00** Registration opens & arrival refreshments

Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber I Room	Amber II Room	Crystal/Garnet Room
09:00		SADC Science Journalism Training Workshop	Moderating for impact	Empowering journalists and communicators to combat science misinformation with cutting-edge tools		A primer on quantum science and journalism: An International Year of Quantum sponsored workshop

**10:30** Mid-morning refreshments (Exhibition hall)

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11:00		SADC Journalists workshop continues	Moderating for impact continued	Empowering journalists and communicators to combat science misinformation with cutting-edge tools continues		

**12:30** Lunch on the Deck

Glow Balance meeting in Jade Room
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14:00		From principles to practice: how to implement WFSJ ethical guidelines in the real world	Moderating for impact continued	Opinion writing for the sciences: science communication to drive trust  <b>SPRINGER NATURE</b>	Whose story gets told? Who gets to tell them? A hands-on workshop on inclusive health reporting	How to pitch video stories: mastering environmental journalism by playing the editor

**16:00** Afternoon refreshments in the exhibition hall featuring:  
**Spotlight sessions** : Punt your science-related books, podcasts, blogs and the likes! Contact [vicky@useful.co.za](mailto:vicky@useful.co.za) to join

**17:00** Buses depart for official hotels

***Tuesday 2 December 2025***

**07:00** Registration opens & arrival refreshments

**07:30** Buses leave official hotels for the CSIR ICC

<b>Venue</b>	Diamond Auditorium
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Entertainment	
08:30	Opening welcome - Serusha Govender, Local Organising Committee Member, Freelance Journalist

08:35 **Safety Briefing & Housekeeping** - CSIR ICC

08:40 **Remarks by Local Association Host** - Mandi Smallhorne, President of the South African Science Journalists' Association (SASJA)

Opening video	
08:45	<b>Welcoming remarks - Dr Thulani Dlamini, Chief Executive Officer, CSIR Host</b>

09:00 **Introductory remarks** - Mr Daan du Toit, Deputy Director General of the South African Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI)

09:15 **Opening address - Minister Blade Nzimande, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation - South Africa, Conference Patron**

**Topic: Planet, People and Law: deploying the power of law to reshape our relationship with our world**

Mid-morning refreshments in the exhibition hall featuring:


10:30 **Press Briefing**, The Human Exposome Project: *A Global Game-Changer Mapping 80%+ of Human Chronic Disease*

- Professor Thomas Hartung, Director, Centre for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT), Professor, Evidence-based Toxicology, Department of Environmental Health & Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health and Whiting School of Engineering

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	Bringing social justice	Covering vulnerable	Reporting on localised
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11:00		into ocean science reporting  Pulitzer Center	Movie Room Showing of short films and documentaries by conference participants	communities affected by climate change	Bid Presentations to Board for WCSJ 2029 Conference (all welcome)	health technologies for Africa, by Africa
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12:00		Centering community expertise: four approaches to responsible reporting		Reporting under fire: science journalism in conflict zones and authoritarian regimes		Ethical challenges in mental health reporting

**13:00** Lunch on the Deck & dessert and coffee in exhibiton hall featuring:

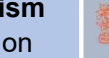

Media Briefing - SKAO/SAAO, <i>Revealing new results!</i> at 13:30						
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14:00		When industry endangers health and ecosystems, how science journalists champion marginalized voices	Will Africa ride (or miss) the quantum wave? 		General Assembly of the African Confederation of Science Journalists (ACSJ)	Workshop: Covering a global health crisis: a workshop on effective reporting on antimicrobial resistance (AMR)   Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership
Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber I Room		
15:00		Science journalism and Indigenous Peoples: reporting with complexity	From sky to society: the great strides of astronomy in Africa	From local to global: pitching regional stories to international outlets		

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16:00 Nature Africa & Nature India - Meet the Editors Coffee Session - All welcome
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16:30		<p><b>All in a day's work: share your stories on how your work has had an impact on social justice and helping others</b></p> <p>Open session, contact aghan@meshascience.org to join</p>	<p><b>Movie Room</b></p> <p>Showing of short films and documentaries by conference participants</p>	<p><b>Covering the effects of social and environmental health challenges on the lives of children</b></p>	<p><b>European Federation for Science Journalism (EFSJ) Information Session</b></p>	<p><b>Representation of women in the media</b></p>  

17:30	Travel to networking cocktail (buses available for delegates staying in official hotels)
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**18:00 Networking cocktail:** Javett Museum at University of Pretoria - <https://javettup.com/>

18:35 **Opening remarks by host:** Prof Francis Petersen Vice-Chancellor & Principal, University of Pretoria

18:50 **Introduction to the Javett Art Museum Collections**

19:00 **Guided Tours of the Javett Art Museum**

20:00 **First bus back to hotels**

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21:00 Last bus back to hotels

**End of Program Tuesday 2 December 2025**

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**Wednesday 3 December 2025**

**07:00** Registration opens & arrival refreshments

**07:30** Buses leave official hotels for the CSIR ICC




**Venue** Diamond Auditorium

**08:30 Opening welcome & Housekeeping** - Serusha Govender, Local Organising Committee Member, Freelance Journalist

08:40	<b>Keynote introduction - Serusha Govender</b>
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08:45 **Keynote address - Dr David Obura: Chair of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)**

Topic: Doubling Down on Science and Evidence: scientific data and insights, plus collaboration across beats, equals better reporting

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09:15	Plenary session: Cheats, sleuths, and journalists: How to cover misconduct in science		Movie Room Showing of short films and documentaries by conference participants	Africa Science Journalism Awards (ASJA) 2025  Science for Africa Foundation  By Invitation		
10:15	Mid-morning refreshments in the exhibition hall featuring: Tech Talk by ITER					
Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room			Crystal/Garnet
10:45	Between watchdogs and wordsmiths: navigating relationships between science journalists and science communicators	Hardwired for meaning: how games and stories bring science to life	AI - friend or foe 2.0: A journalistic perspective from inside the machine			Workshop How to be excellent: free and easy tools to upgrade your science journalism
Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber I Room	Onyx Room	
12:00	The Lithium Paradox: Green energy at what cost?	How science-based reporting on Africa's water resources is contributing to wellbeing of communities and health of the planet	Silent storms: communicating brain and behaviour science from the Global South	Meeting of the Asian Network of Science Journalist Associations, hosted by the Science Journalists Association of India	13:00 IYQ Navigating the Quantum Beat Lunch  INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF Quantum Science and Technology	
13:00	Lunch on the Deck & dessert and coffee in exhibiton hall featuring: Tech Talk by CSIR at 13:30					
Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber I Room		Crystal/Garnet
14:00		Carbon credits: how to make communities' voices heard 	Critique of science: How to teach this skill			Reporting on the intersection of climate change and health while science is under siege
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15:00	World Federation of Science Journalists AGM	Genes and germs: metagenomic approaches to emerging pathogens in Africa and beyond	In pursuit of high- quality evidence for health reporting: Navigating the Cochrane Library	16:00 Nature Africa & Nature India Meet the Editors Coffee Session All welcome		Science journalism and traditional medicine: is there a match?
16:00	Afternoon refreshments in the exhibition hall featuring: <b>Spotlight sessions</b> : Punt your science-related books, podcasts, blogs and the likes! Contact vicki@useful.co.za to join					
Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber Room		Crystal/Garnet
16:30	World Federation of Science Journalists AGM Continues	Dragon's den: pitch your stories to the editors	Journalist, take care of thyslf			Silent surge: why the Indian Ocean deserves louder headlines
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18:00 <b>Networking cocktail:</b> Market@TheSheds local food and culture experience <a href="https://www.marketatthesheds.co.za/">https://www.marketatthesheds.co.za/</a>						
18:30 <b>Welcome by</b> Gauteng Tourism & City of Tshwane						
20:00 <b>First bus back to hotels</b>						
21:00 <b>Last bus back to hotels</b>						

**End of Program Wednesday 3 December 2025**

**Thursday 4 December 2025**

**07:00** Registration opens & arrival refreshments

**07:30** Buses leave official hotels for the CSIR ICC

**Venue** Diamond Auditorium

**08:30 Opening welcome & Housekeeping** - Serusha Govender, Local Organising Committee Member, Freelance Journalist

08:40 **Keynote introduction** - Serusha Govender


08:45 **Keynote address** - Prof Linda-Gail Bekker: CEO Desmond Tutu Health Foundation, Director, Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the Institute of Infectious Disease & Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town

**Topic: Everything has changed: what health communicators need to know about the new parameters of public health**

Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber I Room		Crystal/Garnet
09:15	<b>Plenary Session</b> <b>Challenging times:</b> <b>communicating about</b> <b>climate change when</b> <b>politics promotes denial</b> <b>and misinformation</b>		<b>Movie Room</b> Showing of short films and documentaries by conference participants	<b>Radio as a lifeline: The</b> <b>importance of radio in</b> <b>risk communication</b>		

**10:15** Mid-morning refreshments in the exhibition hall featuring:  
**"Let's Talk Archeology"** - meet up with SA archeology stars

Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber I Room		Crystal/Garnet
10:45		People, planet, and possibility: systems science meets journalism for wellbeing	Show me the money	Misinformation What are we missing		Fake news! Fake news? – Cross-border

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12:00		Who gets to tell the story? Science journalism and research collaboration.	Constructive Journalism as a catalyst of new narratives for science	HIV and TB - new ways to tackle "old" problems	<div>13:00</div> <div>ITER Lunch</div> 	

**13:00** Lunch on the Deck

South African Science Journalists Association (SASJA) Lunchtime Information Session in the Jade - grab your lunch from the deck and come and join us!

Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Amethyst Room	Amber I Room		Crystal/Garnet
14:00		Stepping out of the office to learn more	Movie Room	Navigating conflicts of interest in African science reporting		Archeology: why report on the past if there's so much to focus on in the present?

Venue	Diamond Auditorium	Ruby Auditorium	Showing of short films and documentaries by conference participants	Amber I Room	Emerald Auditorium	Crystal/Garnet
15:00		Using scientific data as a starting point for a journalistic investigation on endangered species		Children and science communication: creating new formats for this curious audience	Connecting global science to local narratives - spotlight on Ghana	Blue Monday in the office: Share your professional bloopers Open Session - Contact meghie@gmail.com to join

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16:30	Closing Plenary: So... What happens next?					

17:30	Closing ceremony
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**Vote of thanks** - Lynne Smit, LOC Member

**Reveal of WCSJ 2029 Destination** - Ben Deighton, President of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ)

**Handover to WCSJ 2027** - Engela Duvenage, 2025 Conference Director, to Alex o'Brien, 2027 Conference Director  
**Introduction of WCSJ 2027** - Speech and video by Alex O'Brien, invitation to cocktails sponsored by London 2027

18:00 Networking cocktail sponsored by London

20:00 **First bus back to hotels**

**21:00 Last bus back to hotels**

**End of Program Thursday 4 December 2025**