



NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Programme

Institutional Research Week 2026



Pre-Conference Workshops:
Monday, 26 October 2026

Main Conference:

Tuesday, 27 October – Friday, 30 October 2026



NUST Lower Campus,
Windhoek, Namibia



Day 1

Monday, 26 October 2016 - Pre Conference Workshops

Parallel Workshops

08:00 - 16:00

Workshop 1:

Winning Research Grants: From Concept to Competitive Proposal

Venue: Presentation Room 2, 6th Floor, Lower Campus, High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select

Workshop 2:

From Research to Commercialisation: Turning IP into Income

Venue: Presentation Room 2, 6th Floor, Lower Campus, High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select





Day 2

Tuesday, 27 October 2026 - Opening Plenary Session

Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus

Master of Ceremonies: Ms Kuda Brandt, Manager: Corporate Communications and Marketing

Time	Activity / Session	Responsible Person
07:30	Registration	Secretariat
08:15	IRW 2026 Overview: Programme and Expectations	Prof Colin Stanley <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Technovation: NUST</i>
08:30	Opening and Welcome Remarks	Prof Frednard Gideon <i>Vice-Chancellor: NUST</i>
08:45	Keynote Address: Research, Innovation and Sustainable Development in Africa	Prof Dr Anicia Peters <i>Chief Executive Officer: National Commission on Research Science and Technology (NCRST)</i>
09:30	Tea / Coffee Break	

Parallel Streams

Track	Focus	Expected Outcomes
A: Research Frontiers	Peer-reviewed oral research presentations	Dissemination of research findings, scholarly feedback, publication opportunities, and new research collaborations.
B: Innovation, Partnerships and Impact	Pitching, industry dialogue, Sustainable Solution	Industry and stakeholder partnerships, commercialisation opportunities, solution uptake and pathways for translating research into impact.
C: Student Research Conference	Postgraduate oral presentations, 3MT competition	Researcher development, constructive academic feedback, increased visibility of postgraduate research, and strengthened research communication skills.



Time	Track A: Research Frontiers Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus	Track B: Innovation, Partnerships and Impact Venue: High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select (HTTPS)	Track C: Student Research Conference Venue: Mining Auditorium, NUST Lower Campus
10:00 - 13:00	Oral Presentations Session Chairs: Prof Tafirenyika Sunde and Prof Haileleul Woldemariam	Pitching Clinic (Closed Event) Facilitators: Mr Silas Newaka, Mr Edwin Kavihuha, Ms Valerie Garises, and Dr Paulus Shigwedha	Postgraduate Oral Presentations Session Chairs: Prof Roswitha Mahalie and Dr Gloria Tshoopara
13:00	Lunch Break		
Parallel Streams			
Time	Track A: Research Frontiers Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus	Track B: Innovation, Partnerships and Impact Venue: High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select (HTTPS)	Track C: Student Research Conference Venue: Mining Auditorium, NUST Lower Campus
14:00 - 16:00	Oral Presentations Session Chair: Prof Stephen Fashoto and Prof Smart Dumba	Pitching Clinic (Closed Event) Facilitators: Mr Silas Newaka, Mr. Edwin Kavihuha, Ms Valerie Garises and Dr Paulus Shigwedha	Postgraduate Oral Presentations Session Chairs: Prof Percy Chimwamurombe and Prof Madelein Stoffberg
END OF DAY 2			





Day 3

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2026 - PLENARY SESSION

Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus

Master of Ceremonies: Dr Utibe Akah, Senior Lecturer: Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment

Time	Activity / Session	Responsible Person	
07:30	Registration	Secretariat	
08:15	Opening and Welcome Address	Prof Teresa Kaulihowa <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Technology</i>	
08:30	Guest Speaker: SDG Innovation in Practice: From University Labs to National Policy	Mr Nyambe Harsen <i>Director of Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment at the African Union Commission</i>	
09:00	Panel Discussion: Strategies for Strengthening Research-Industry Linkages in Namibia Moderator: Prof Dharm Singh	Panelists: Dr Nhlanhla Lupahla (NCRST), Mr Nawa Likando (MTC), Ms Lovisa Immanuel (MEIYSAC Deputy Director: Research and Innovation) and Emeritus Prof Hippolyte Muyingi	
10:00	Tea / Coffee Break		
Parallel Stream			
Time	Track A: Research Frontiers Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus	Track B: Innovation, Partnerships and Impact Venue: High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select (HTTPS)	Track C: Student Research Conference Venue: Mining Auditorium, NUST Lower Campus
10:30 - 12:00	Oral Presentations Session Chairs: Prof Stewart Kaupa and Prof Niklaas Fredericks	Sustainable Solutions Cup (Faculty teams pitch SDG solutions) Session Chairs: Mr Silas Newaka and Dr Paulus Shigwedha	Postgraduate Student Presentations Session Chairs: Prof Irja Shannika and Prof Jose Quenum
12:00 - 13:00	Poster Showcase and Judging Student and Researcher Posters — Judges Circulate		
13:00	Lunch Break		



Afternoon Session			
Time	Track A: Research Frontiers	Track B: Innovation, Partnerships and Impact	Track C: Student Research Conference
	Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus	Venue: High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select (HTTPS)	Venue: Mining Auditorium, NUST Lower Campus
14:00 16:00	Oral Presentations Session Chairs: Dr Meed Mbido and Prof Victor Kamara	Innovation, Partnerships and Impact Topic: Technological Innovation for Sustainable Development: relevance to industry and community Panel members: Prof Jude Osakwe, Prof Samuel John, Mr Naftali Indongo and Mr Medmillian Handura (Schoemans) Moderator: Prof Andrew Jeremiah and Prof Sulaiman Olusegun Atiku	Student Conference Session Chairs: Dr David Iiyambo and Prof Kabiru Genty
END OF DAY 3			





Day 4

Thursday, 29 October 2026 - Plenary Session

Venue: Auditorium 1

Master of Ceremonies: Dr Jennilee Kohima , Senior Lecturer: Spatial Planning

Time	Activity / Session	Responsible Person
07:30	Registration	Secretariat
08:15	Opening and Welcome Address	Ms Miriam Dikuua <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Finance and Operations</i>
08:30	Guest Speaker: Innovation Ecosystem for Sustainable Development: The Global Perspective	Ms Nillian Mulemi <i>CEO: Petrofund</i>
09:10	Tea / Coffee Break	
Time	Track A: Research Frontiers Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus	
09:45	Oral Presentations Session Chair: Prof Andrew Jeremiah and Prof Nikodemus Angula	
11:45	Presentation of Certificates and Awards: Prof Colin Stanley, <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Technovation</i>	
	Best Paper Award: Top Presentation in Track A	
	Sustainable Solutions Cup Award: Winning Faculty Team in Track B	
	Best Student Paper / Poster: Top Student Submission in Track C	
	3MT Winners: Winners in Track C	
	Certificates of Participation: Awarded to all Winners	
14:45	Vote of Thanks	Ms Nadia Jansen <i>Manager: Research and Innovation, DRIP</i>
13:00	Lunch	





Day 5

Friday, 30 October 2026 - Inaugural Professorial Lectures

Venue: Auditorium 1, NUST Lower Campus

Director of Ceremonies: Prof Colin Stanley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Technovation

Time	Activity / Session	Responsible Person
07:30	Arrival [all delegates must be seated by 07:50]	All
08:00	Academic Procession with Gaudeamus Igitur Song	Ms Neriene Garises <i>Deputy Registrar: Examinations, Certification and Timetabling</i>
08:10	Opening and Welcome Remarks	Prof Frednard Gideon <i>Vice-Chancellor: NUST</i>
08:20	Entertainment	Mr Eslon Hindundu Opera
08:30	Keynote Speaker	Dr Max Price <i>Former Vice-Chancellor: University of Cape Town, South Africa</i>
09:05	Introduction of Candidate	Prof Teresia Kaulihowa <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Technology</i>
09:10	Topic: Linguistic Vitality, Marginalisation, and Language Endangerment in Namibia: Towards a Policy Framework for Language Planning and Revitalisation	Prof Haileleul Woldemariam <i>Professor: Applied Linguistics</i>
09:40	Introduction of Candidate	Prof Teresia Kaulihowa <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Technology</i>
09:45	Topic: Narratives, Identities and Pluriversality: An Afro-triumphalist Reimagining of Human Well-being in Adversarial Contexts	Prof Nelson Mlambo <i>Professor: Literature, Communication and Applied Linguistics</i>
10:15	Introduction of Candidate	Ms Miriam Dikuua <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Finance and Operations</i>
10:20	Topic: Solving the Growth Puzzle: Empirical Evidence from Namibia and Southern Africa	Prof Tafrenyika Sunde <i>Professor: Economics</i>
10:50	Tea / Coffee Break	
11:20	Introduction of Candidate	Prof Fungai Bhunu-Shava <i>Acting Executive Dean: Faculty of Computing and Informatics</i>
11:25	Re-aligning Digital Transformation Through Data Governance: A Research Journey Translating Global Theory into African Practice	Prof Jude Osakwe <i>Professor: Informatics</i>



11:55	Introduction of the Candidate	Prof Teresia Kaulihowa <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Technology</i>
12:00	Topic: From Consumer Insight to Inclusive Innovation: Building entrepreneurial, digital and sustainable futures for Namibia and Africa	Prof Efginia Semente <i>Executive Dean: Faculty of Commerce, Human Sciences and Education</i>
12:30	Entertainment	Mr Eslon Hindundu Opera
12:40	Presentation of Certificates	Prof Frednard Gideon <i>Vice-Chancellor: NUST</i>
12:50	Vote of Thanks	Ms Selma Heelu <i>Acting Registrar: NUST</i>
13:00	Group Photo	EXCO and Inaugurated Professors
	Lunch	





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