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EDHE LEKGOTLA 2019

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# BACKGROUND

The Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) Programme proudly presents the third annual national EDHE Lekgotla – an action-packed four-day gathering of leaders in entrepreneurship at universities.

This flagship event is scheduled to take place from 25 to 28 June 2019 at the Durban International Convention Centre (ICC). This year's lekgotla takes place within the unifying theme of entrepreneurship through the arts and will be

curated by Durban University of Technology's Faculty of Arts and Design, with the support of the South African Humanities Deans' Association (SAHUDA).

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The EDHE Lekgotla 2019 is hosted by the Department Higher Education and Training (DHET)

and Universities South Africa (USAf), and is co-hosted by the Durban University of Technology (DUT). For the second year, the British Council is also partnering with EDHE in the Lekgotla, while the University of KwaZulu Natal is supporting the event. This year, student entrepreneurs and TVET colleges are officially included in the programme.

The EDHE Lekgotla is held in a different city and province every year, with previous successful events having taken place in Johannesburg and Cape Town, in 2017 and 2018 respectively.



# PURPOSE

The purpose of the EDHE Lekgotla 2019 is to share best practice, learn of latest trends and developments, and foster collaboration with regard to entrepreneurship in Higher Education

– all to the benefit of the South African universities, students and economy. Stakeholders in the EDHE ecosystem gather to

share their learning and experience, while working on identifying and addressing challenges

in the space of entrepreneurship development.

Further objectives include:

1. Providing an engagement plat-

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form for leaders of entrepreneurship in Higher Education;

2. Providing a learning platform and voice for student entrepreneurs (AKA studentpreneurs);

3. Facilitating and supporting the work of the EDHE Communities of Practice for Student Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship in Academia and Entrepreneurial Universities;

4. Showcasing student businesses in a bespoke, locally-focused marketplace;

5. Showcasing support businesses and organisations for entrepreneurship in Higher Education in an exhibition; and

6. Showcasing the collaborative commitment of local government and universities in support of entrepreneurship development in the province of KwaZulu-Natal.



# PROGRAMME

The four-day programme of the EDHE Lekgotla 2019 aims to be relevant and highly interactive, while allowing for a diversity of perspectives and voices.

## TUESDAY 25 JUNE

**Morning session:** The high-profile official opening of the EDHE Lekgotla 2019 in a plenary session, featuring VIP speakers and keynote address

**Afternoon session:** Highlights in international and local best practice and developments to follow

**Sunset session:** Speed-networking cocktail event to meet those most relevant to attendees' focus areas

**All day:** Bespoke Studentpreneurs' Market

**All day:** Stakeholder exhibitions of relevant brands, products and services

## WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

**Morning session:** Featuring leaders in contextually-relevant South African university entrepreneurship

**Afternoon session:** Applying and adapting for entrepreneurship, from global to local

**All day:** Bespoke Studentpreneurs' market

**All day:** Stakeholder exhibitions of relevant brands, products and services

## THURSDAY 27 JUNE

**Track 1:** Student Entrepreneurship, for support entities that create the services and structures within which student entrepreneurship can flourish

**Track 2:** Entrepreneurship in Academia, for researchers and academics who support entrepreneurship development through teaching, learning and research, across disciplines

**Track 3:** Entrepreneurial Universities, for commercialisation, incubation, innovation, technology transfer and other entities that are key players within an entrepreneurial institution

**Track 4:** Studentpreneur Leadership Forum, for 26 university-nominated studentpreneurs who represent the studentpreneurs of their institutions on an interim platform in informing strategy for future student-focused entrepreneurship initiatives and interventions - by invitation only, one representative per university

**Track 5:** Entrepreneurship in TVET colleges, for entrepreneurship-focused TVET college stakeholders to share TVET college-specific best practice and workshop strategies for interventions that will support entrepreneurship development in TVET colleges

•Sunset session: Fireside stories, for the voices from the trenches of entrepreneurship in South Africa, this is in true African tradition, storytelling from bonfire to bonfire.

## FRIDAY 28 JUNE

**Track 1:** Studentpreneurs Indaba

•A one-day learning and engagement event based on the requests and advice of studentpreneurs, open to all pre-registered studentpreneurs from universities and TVET colleges across the country

**Track 2:** Durban Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Bus Tour

•A day of discovery and exploration of the unique Durban entrepreneurship ecosystem and the colourful cultures of the city

# COST

## MAIN 4-DAY PROGRAMME

**Early Bird Registration Fee** - R700.00 per delegate (deadline: 14 June 2019)

**Normal Registration Fee** - R950.00 per delegate (deadline: 21 June 2019)

**Student Registration Fee** - R250.00 per delegate (deadline: 21 June 2019)

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

**Day 1:** Speed-networking Cocktail event - R50pp, refreshments included

**Day 3:** Attending Fire-side Stories - complimentary

**Day 4:** Attending Durban Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Bus Tour - R150pp, refreshments included

## EXHIBITION SPACE

Service providers, suppliers and support organisations who wish to exhibit, are invited to apply via the website, [www.edhe.co.za](http://www.edhe.co.za), or email [zamaswazi@usaf.ac.za](mailto:zamaswazi@usaf.ac.za).

Cost per exhibition stand per day (only day 1 and 2): R3000, subject to approval by selection team – only a limited number of stands available

## BESPOKE STUDENTPRENEURS MARKET

Studentpreneurs who wish to participate in the market, are invited to apply via the website, [www.edhe.co.za](http://www.edhe.co.za), or email [edhe@usaf.ac.za](mailto:edhe@usaf.ac.za).

Cost per student space for 2 days: R600, subject to approval by selection team – only a limited number of student spaces available

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All leaders and stakeholders in entrepreneurship development at Universities and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges would benefit from attending the EDHE Lekgotla 2019, including:

- University and TVET college leadership;
- Academics and support professionals;
- Private sector entities;
- Public sector support entities;
- Local government representatives;
- Non-profit organisations; and
- Studentpreneurs.

## WHAT IS DIFFERENT AT THIS YEAR'S EDHE LEKGOTLA?

- Studentpreneurs are included at a dedicated event, i.e. the student-led one-day Studentpreneurs Indaba on Day 4, Friday 28 June.
- Each university is invited to nominate one studentpreneur to serve as representative at the inaugural meeting of the EDHE Studentpreneurs Forum, a national community of practice of studentpreneurs from the 26 public universities in South Africa. The meeting is scheduled as a dedicated half-day track on Day 3, Thursday 27 June.
- The EDHE Lekgotla is a platform for engagement across boundaries of all kinds. This will be

## WHAT ABOUT ACCOMMODATION?

Attendees are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation, but might consider options in close proximity to the Durban ICC, such as:

- Pavillion Hotel (800m)
- City Lodge Hotel (550m)
- Regal in North Beach (700m)
- Protea Hotel (1,4km)
- Albany Hotel (850m)
- Road Lodge (1,0 km)

There are also several B&Bs and guest houses in Durban to choose from.

## WHAT IS EDHE?

The Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) Programme is funded through the

University Capacity Development (UCDP) Programme of the DHET. EDHE is managed by USAf, the representative organisation of the 26 public universities. The EDHE Programme is aimed at supporting entrepreneurship development in Higher Education nationally, with the focus on three key areas, i.e.:

- Supporting the development of student entrepreneurship in universities
- Supporting the development of entrepreneurship in academia, i.e. through teaching, learning and research; and
- Supporting the development of entrepreneurial universities.

# NEXT STEPS

1. Register for the EDHE Lekgotla 2019 on the EDHE website, [www.edhe.co.za](http://www.edhe.co.za).
2. Click through and follow the instructions on the payment page.
3. All further engagement takes place through the Whova events app.
4. Once payment has been made, you will receive a code to access the Whova app.
5. Download the Whova app on your smart phone.
6. Search your event, i.e. EDHE Lekgotla 2019.
7. Enter the code as cued and start engaging.
8. Show up and enjoy your event!

For further information, please visit: <https://edhe.co.za/edhe-lekgotla-2019/>  
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For more information on EDHE and its activities, please visit [www.edhe.co.za](http://www.edhe.co.za) and follow  
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