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9. Programme

The preliminary programme is presented below.

EDHE Awards 2025 Programme			
2025 Theme: Entrepreneurship for Sustainability			
Date: Wednesday, 26 November 2025			
Time: 14:00 for 15:00 - 20:30			
Venue: Birchwood Hotel & O.R Tambo Conference Centre, Boksburg			
Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
14:00 - 14:30	30 min	Red carpet interviews	
14:00 - 15:00	60 min	Arrival & registrations	Ms Lerato Makgonyane, Projects Coordinator: EDHE, Universities South Africa (USAf)
14:30 - 15:00	30 min	Entertainment	
14:55 - 15:00	05 min	Online countdown timer - YouTube live stream	Productions
SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION			
Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
15:00 - 15:05	05 min	Programme overview	Master of Ceremonies
15:05 - 15:20	15 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Opening & welcome	Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf)
15:20 - 15:35	15 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Message of support	Universities South Africa (USAf)
	30 min	Guest speaker	TBC
15:35 - 16:15	40 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Keynote address	Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)
16:15 - 16:30	15 min	Starters served: Showcasing the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intervarsity 2025 and EDHE Absa Innovation Challenge national finals	
SESSION 2: RECOGNITION AWARDS			
Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
16:30 - 16:40	10 min	Introduction of the speaker & session participants	MC



		Recognition of the contributions by the National Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of the EDHE Communities of Practice (CoP) End of term: EDHE Studentpreneurs CoP: Mr Martin Maupa, EDHE CoP for Economic Activation Offices: Ms Jayde Barends & Prof Pierre Joubert	Announced by: Ms Ntsiki Mkhize, Stakeholder and Partnerships Manager, EDHE, Universities South Africa (USAf) Certificate presented by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf) Handshake by: Mr Mahlubi, Chief Mabizela, Director: Operations and Sector Support, Universities South Africa (USAf) & Department of Higher Education & Training (DHET)
16:40 - 17:10	30 min	Main course served: EDHE Entrepreneurship Intervarsity 2024 national finals highlights	
SESSION 2: RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES (Continued)			
Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
17:10 - 17:20	10 min	Introduction of the speaker & session participants	MC
		Certificates of Recognition - institutional Student Entrepreneurship and SWEEP Coordinators of 2025	Announced by: Ms Karen Snyman, National Chairperson: EDHE national CoP for Student Entrepreneurship Coordinators, Nelson Mandela University. Hand shake by: Mr Sandile Shabalala, Senior Student Engagement Officer: EDHE & Ms Elizabeth Masoleng, National Deputy Chairperson: EDHE CoP for Student Entrepreneurship Coordinators.
17:20 - 17:30	10 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Message of support on behalf of Standard Bank South Africa	Mr Johan De Ru, Head of Education Sector: Business and Commercial Banking, Standard Bank
17:30 - 17:40	10 min	Introduction of the speaker & session participants	MC
		Certificate of Recognition - Institutional EDHE Economic Activation Offices (EAOs) of 2025	Announced by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf) Certificates presented by: Mr Johan De Ru, Head of Education Sector: Business and Commercial Banking, Standard Bank Handshake by: Prof Pierre Joubert, National Deputy Chairperson: EDHE CoP for Economic Activation Offices, Sol Plaatje University & Ms Jayde Barends, National Chairperson: EDHE CoP for Economic Activation Offices, Cape Peninsula University of Technology



SESSION 3: THE EDHE LEARNING & TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
17:40 - 17:50	10 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Introduction of the EDHE Entrepreneurship Learning and Teaching Excellence Awards	Ms Zana Boshoff, Project Manager: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa
17:50 - 18:00	10 min	Introduction of the session participants	Prof Tshidi Mohapeloa
		Announcement of the winner for the EDHE Entrepreneurship Learning and Teaching Excellence Award 2025	Finalists & Award announced by: Prof Tshidi Mohapeloa, Chairperson: EDHE CoP for Entrepreneurship Learning & Teaching, Rhodes University. Certificates presented by: Dr McEdward Murimbika, National Deputy Chairperson: EDHE CoP for Entrepreneurship Learning & Teaching, University of the Witwatersrand Cheque presented by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa, & Department of Higher Education & Training (DHET)
		1: Univen – Fostering an entrepreneurial mindset through learning dialogues at the University of Venda, Prof Lawrence Diko Makia	
		2: UFS – Enhancing graduate employability through integrated entrepreneurship education – A service-learning perspective", Dr Ekaete Benedict	
		3: UJ – The UJ Business Clinic – A Vehicle for Student Entrepreneurship, Diploma: Small Business Management", Dr Lawrance Seseni	
		4: UNIZULU – Embedding Entrepreneurship Education into the Curriculum, Prof Ayansola Olatunji Ayandibu	
		5: UMP – C.R.E.A.T.E Model (Research-Led Agricultural Entrepreneurship, ABM402), Dr Bongie Mcata	
		6: TUT – Development of a Work-Integrated Learning Framework in an entrepreneurial approach for Somatology at a University of Technology", Mr Tsabuki Makou	
		7: UJ - Work Integrated Learning for Entrepreneurial Strategy Implementation ESI03YC at the iZindaba Zokudla 2025", Prof Naude Malan	
		3rd place	
		2nd place	



		1st place	
		Acknowledgement of the award by the winner	
SESSION 4: THE EDHE CHAMPION AWARD			
Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
18:15 - 18:25	10 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Introduction of the nominees for the EDHE Champion Award in recognition of exceptional institutional support for entrepreneurship development in 2025	Ms Khutso Moleko, Media and Marketing Officer: EDHE, Universities South Africa (USAf)
18:25 - 18:30	05 min	Introduction of the speaker	Ms Khutso Moleko
		EDHE Champion Award in recognition of exceptional institutional support for entrepreneurship development in 2025	Announced by: Prof Tandi Matsha-Erasmus , Sefako Makgatho Health Science University, 2024 DVC of the Year winner. Award presented by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: EDHE, Universities South Africa (USAf) Handshake by: Universities South Africa (USAf) & Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)
		Acknowledgement of the award by the winner	
18:30 - 18:45	15 min	Dessert, Coffee & Tea Served: EDHE Awards 2024 highlights	
SESSION 5: EDHE ENTREPRENEURSHIP INTERVARSITY AWARDS			
Time		Item	Speaker
18:45 - 18:55	10 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Feedback from the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intersarsity Studentpreneur of the Year 2024	Mr Emmanuel Kiyonga, Founder: Emmaceutics & Studentpreneur of The Year 2023, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
18:55 - 19:00	05 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Introduction of the EDHE MRPF Waste Innovation Challenge	Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf)
19:00 - 19:10	10 min	Introduction of the speaker	Dr Edwell Gumbo
		EDHE MRPF Waste Innovation Challenge entries launch	Mr Price Foundation
19:10 - 19:20	10 min	Introduction of the speaker & session participant	MC
		Recognising the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intersarsity 2025 national finalists	Announced by: Mr Sandile Shabalala, Senior Student Engagement Officer: EDHE, Universities South Africa (USAf) Certificate presented by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf)



19:20 - 19:35	15 min	Announcement of the winners in the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intervarsity 2025	Announced by: TBC
		Category 1: Existing Business – Tech	Award presented by: Mr Geoffroy Berson, Attaché for Innovation: French Embassy in South Africa. Cheque presented by: Ms Nothile Ngema, University of Limpopo
		Acceptance speech	
		Category 2: Existing Business – Social Impact	Award presented by: Ms Itumeleng Dhlamini, Head of Programmes, SAB Foundation Cheque presented by: Ms Anga Mzozo, University of Zululand
		Acceptance speech	
		Category 3: Existing Business – General	Award presented by: Momentum Cheque presented by: Ms Ayavuya Sibisi, University of KwaZulu-Natal
		Acceptance speech	
		Category 4: Academic Research Commercialisation	Award presented by: Ms Sarah Mthintso: Executive Director, SAB Foundation Cheque presented by: Mr Emmanuel Kiyonga, Founder, A novel Raloxifene Solvate Hydrate, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
		Acceptance speech	
		Top Student Womanpreneur	Award presented by: Ms George Barrett, Country Director, British Council. Cheque presented by: Ms Karabo Tsoeu, Deputy Chairperson in the SWEEP Portfolio: EDHE Studentpreneurs CoP, Vaal University of Technology
SESSION 6: EDHE ABSA INNOVATION AWARDS			
Time		Item	Speaker
19:35 - 19:45	10 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Introduction of the EDHE Absa Innovation Challenge	Absa Bank
19:45 - 19:55	10 min	Introduction of the speaker	MC
		Recognising the EDHE Absa Innovation Challenge 2025 national finalists	Announced by: Mr Sandile Shabalala, Senior Student Engagement Officer: EDHE, Universities South Africa (USAf) Certificate presented by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf)



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19:55 - 20:10	15 min	Announcement of the winners in the EDHE Absa Innovation Challenge 2025	Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf)
		Top Student Woman Innovator	Award presented by: Ms Olipa Phiri, Higher Education Project Manager, British Council South Africa Cheque presented by: EDHE, Absa
		Position 5	Award presented by: Absa Cheque presented by: EDHE, Absa
		Acceptance speech	
		Position 4	Award presented by: Absa Cheque presented by: EDHE, Absa
		Acceptance speech	
		Position 3	Award presented by: Absa Cheque presented by: EDHE, Absa
		Acceptance speech	
		Position 2	Award presented by: Absa Cheque presented by: EDHE, Absa
		Acceptance speech	
20:10 - 20:20	10 min	Vote of thanks	Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf)
20:20 - 20:25	05 min	Announcement of the overall winner of the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intervarsity: The EDHE Studentpreneur of the Year 2025 (R100 000.00)	Award announced by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf) Cheque presented by: USAf, DHET Handshake: USAf, DHET
		Acceptance speech	
20:25 - 20:30	05 min	Announcement of the half a million grand prize winner of the EDHE Absa Innovation Challenge: The EDHE Top Student Innovator of the year	Award announced by: Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa (USAf) Cheque presented by: Absa Handshake: DHET, USAf, Absa
		Acceptance speech	
		Departure	
20:30 - 21:05	35 min	Winner interviews & Photo's: Photos of dignitaries, all winners, winners and university representatives/coordinators, and partners on stage	MC

10. Invitations and registrations

We kindly wish to inform you that attendance at the Entrepreneurship Intervarsity, EDHE Absa Innovation Challenge, and EDHE Awards is strictly by invitation only. In order to ensure the effective management of venue capacity and catering arrangements, only invited and