

National Postdoc Forum: Provisional Programme

Venue: Jan Mouton Learning Centre, Stellenbosch University, 5-6 July 2022

Day 1: 5 July

- 08h00 Arrival and registration (morning tea)
- 08h30 Welcome by Palesa Mothapo & Eugene Cloete, Stellenbosch University
- 09h00 Keynote 1:
Saleem Badat, UKZN – Early career scholar development and mentoring
- Keynote 2:
Heidi Prozesky, CREST, Stellenbosch University – What we know about
the postdoc in South Africa
- Discussion
- 10h30 Tea break
- 11h00 Panel: Professionalising the postdoc: Different perspectives on key policy
issues (remuneration, funding, terms of employment, duties, reporting)
- Panelists:
1. Prof. Eugene Cloete, DVC: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate
studies, Stellenbosch University
 2. USAf (tbc)
 3. NRF (tbc)
 4. Bheki Radebe, Department of Science and Innovation
 5. Ethel Phiri, Stellenbosch University
 6. Postdoc (tbc)
- Moderated by François van Schalkwyk
- 13h00 Lunch
- 14h00 Capacity building, funding support and NRF ratings (Therina Theron, SU)
- 14h30 Break-away sessions
1. Administration of postdocs (including Immigration and visas)
(Izel Rossouw and Mandy Jampies (tbc))
 2. Publishing (Francois van Schalkwyk and Keyan Tomaselli)
 3. NRF-SciSTIP National Postdoc Survey (Heidi Prozesky and Milandre
van Lill) [by invitation; offline only]

16h00 Tea
16h30 Report back from plenary
17h00 Close
18h00 Cocktail function

Day 2: 6 July

08h00 Arrival and morning tea
08h30 PPS, speaker tbc
09h00 Supporting postdocs as professionals
(medical aid, immigration, scarce skills, banking, finance, etc.).

Panelists:

1. PPS
2. Nedbank
3. Standard bank (tbc)

Moderated by Palesa Mothapo

10h15 Tea
10h30 Jonathan Jansen, Faculty of Education, Stellenbosch University –
Attributes of successful postdocs
11h00 Open forum: Post-docs: challenges and opportunities

1. Joubert de Wet, Innovus- Translational fellowship
2. Thembinkosi Mabila, University of Limpopo – Co-hosting postdocs
and industry partnerships)

13h00 Lunch
14h00 Breakaway sessions:

1. Policy, remunerating and taxing of postdocs (Barry Knoetze (PwC),
Rob Drennan, Wits, and representative from University of Limpopo)
2. Employment challenges and opportunities (Palesa Mothapo and
Wynand Goosen)

15h30 Report back in plenary session
16h00 Close