



10 Sep 2025

ASASWEI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme:

Advancing Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice, Peace building, and Sustainable Development through teaching, research and practice.

Date:

10 – 12 September 2025

Venue:

University of the Free State

Hosted by:

University of the Free State | Faculty of Humanities



HOD Summit:

Tuesday	09/09/2025	SUMMIT: Heads of Departments
Venue: MODLEC 6		

Day 1: September 10th, 2025		
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	Delegates are to register daily on arrival.
	SHOWCASE	NEW PUBLICATIONS
08:50- 08:55	Call to the venue: Drummers	
Plenary: MODLEC HALL		
08:55-09:00	Drummers in the Plenary venue	05
09:00 – 09:05	NATIONAL ANTHEM	05



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09:05 – 09:15	Opening of ASASWEI Conference by Chairperson: Plenary Dr. Poppy Masinga: ASASWEI President	10
09:15 – 09:20	Introduction of the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities of the Free State Dr. Carel van Wyk: Department of Social Work, University of the Free State	05
09:20 – 09:35	Official opening of the Conference & Welcome address Prof Magomme Masoga- Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, University of the Free State	15
09:35 – 09:40	Overview of the Conference Theme Prof Mpumelelo Ncube (ASASWEI Vice President)	05

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09:40 – 09:45	Introduction of the Minister of Social Development Me Nokwamanje Mathabo Leeto: MEC for Social Development, Free State Province	05
09:45 – 10:05	Welfare Sector Overview: The Honourable Premier Mrs Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae: Premier of the Free State Province	20
10:05 – 10:20	Q & A session	15
10:20 – 10:25	Entertainment item	05
10:25 – 10:30	Introduction of the keynote speaker Dr Peggie Chiwara (ASASWEI Secretary)	05

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10:30 – 10:50	Peace Building, Conflict Resolution and Social Work in the Face of Climate Change. Prof Sibonisile Zibane (University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, School of Applied Human Sciences)	20
10:50 – 11:00	Q & A session	10
11:00 – 11:30	Tree Planting Ceremony (Outdoors) Elucidation: Prof Mpumelelo Ncube (ASASWEI Vice-President)	30
11:30 – 11:45	Photo Session Elucidation: Dr Poppy Masinga (ASASWEI President)	20
11:45 – 13:15	LUNCH	90
13:15 – 14:45	PRESENTATION SESSION 1	90

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14:45 – 14:55	BREAK	10
14:55 – 16:25	PRESENTATION SESSION 2	90
16:30 – 19:30	Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI) AGM Venue: EDU 12	180
End of Day 1		



Day 2: Thursday 11/09/2025			
08:00 -09:00	Registration	Delegates are to register daily on arrival.	
09:00 – 09:10	PLENARY: MODLEC Hall Opening & Welcome to Day 2 Chairperson: Prof Mpumelelo Ncube (ASASWEI: Vice President)		10
09:10 – 09:15	International Association for Schools of Social Work [IASSW] Prof Antoinette Lombard (President)		05
09:15 – 09:20	Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa [ASSWA] Dr Kgomotso Jongman (President)		05
09:20 – 09:25	South African Council for Social Service Professions [SACSSP] Prof Rembuluwani Paul Mbedzi (President - SACSSP)		05

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09:30 – 09:45	In Memoria: Dr Corlie Giliomee (ASSWA: Treasurer)	15
09:50 – 09:55	Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Professor Abraham Francis Dr Nevashnee Perumal (ASASWEI International Representative)	05
09:55 – 10:25	Innovative Global Partnerships and Research-Driven Practices Keynote Speaker: Professor Abraham Francis: (Discipline Lead: Social Work, School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Notre Dame, Australia)	30
10:25 – 10:30	Q & A session	10
10:30 – 12:20	Video Screening: BLUE BURNING Discussion – Prof John Rautenbach	110
12:20 – 13:40	LUNCH	80

Day 2: Thursday 11/09/2025		
13:40 – 15:10	PRESENTATION SESSION 3	90
15:10 – 15:25	BREAK	15
15:30 – 17:00	PRESENTATION SESSION 4	90
15:30 – 17:00	Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA) Networking meeting. Venue: EBW A101	90
15:30 – 17:00	New Social Workers' Association (SASWA) meeting: Venue: EBW A103	90
18:00 for 19:00	MULTICULTURAL EVENING & ASASWEI AWARDS CELEBRATION Leopards & Lace, 9 Stirling Avenue, Spitskop, Bloemfontein	

Day 3: Friday 12/09/2025		
08:00 – 09:00	Registration. Delegates are to register daily on arrival. Delegates to proceed directly to venues for Presentation Session 5.	
09:00 – 10:20	PRESENTATION SESSION 5	80
10:35 – 10:40	Plenary Venue: MODLEC Hall Opening & Welcome to Day 3 Chairperson: Mme Makgotso Mbuyise (DSD FS Chief Director: Welfare Services)	10
10:40 – 10:50	Introduction of Keynote Speaker Dr Fatima Mmusi (ASASWEI Treasurer)	05
10:50 – 11:20	Sustainable Development and Social Work: Bridging Research, Policy and Practice. Keynote Speaker: Professor Zibonele Zimba	30

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	(University of Johannesburg: Department of Social Work & Community Development)	
11:20 – 11:30	Q & A session	10
11:30-11:40	Announcement of ASASWEI Awards Winners: 2025 Dr Poppy Masinga (Outgoing ASASWEI President)	10
11:40 – 11:50	Announcement of the Incoming ASASWEI Executive Committee 2025-2027 Prof John Rautenbach (Chairperson: Electoral Committee 2025)	10
11:50 – 12:00	Message from Incoming ASASWEI President	10

Day 3: Friday 12/09/2025		
12:00 – 12:15	CLOSING CEREMONY	15
12:15 – 13:00	LUNCH & DEPARTURE	

We sincerely appreciate your attendance at the ASASWEI 25 conference and wish you safe travels home.

