

Programme



*Eternal Evolution-
Transforming for
Sustainability*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025
25-27 AUGUST

*Brixton Multipurpose Centre, 78 Foyle Ave, Mayfair West,
Johannesburg*

Day One: 25 August 2025 (Programme subject to change)

Time	Duration	Activity / Session	Details / Presenter(s)
08:00-09:00	1h	Registration Marimba band playing	Tea and coffee will be served
Master of Ceremonies – Mr Reggie Moloi			
09:00-09:05	5 mins	Singing of the National Anthem	All
09:05-09:10	5 mins	Welcome address	Mr Pepe Dass (Chairman: South African Cemeteries Association)
09:10-09:15	5 mins	Host city opening address	Mr Thanduxolo Mendrew (MD: Johannesburg City Parks & Zoo)
09:15-09:20	5 mins	Sponsor opening address	By: Mr Pieter van der Westhuizen (General Manager: Funeral Service AVBOB)
09:20-09:35	15 mins	Entertainment	
09:35-09:40	5 mins	Introduction of the Executive Mayor in the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Dada Morero	Cllr Tebogo Nkokou MMC COMDEV
09:40-09:55	15 mins	Keynote address by the Executive Mayor in the City of Johannesburg	Cllr Dada Morero
09:55-10:10	15 mins	Tea and coffee break	

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PAPER PRESENTATIONS - Facilitator introduces each speaker			Susan Brice (Executive Member: South African Cemeteries Association)
10:10-10:20	10 mins	Overview of Johannesburg's cemeteries	By Azola Manjati (Johannesburg City Parks & Zoo)
10:20-10:38	18 mins	"Bring him/her back home"	By Baloyi Elijah (A professor and former chair of the Department of Philosophy, Practical and Systematic Theology with a PhD in Practical Theology from University of Pretoria)
10:40-10:58	18 mins	Sustainable death care in Africa	By Beauty Kujinga (Master's degree in Strategic Management from Zimbabwe)
11:00-11:20	20 mins	Green fencing in urban cemeteries	By Boitumelo Faith Mafafo (Pr. Sci. Nat. Regional Manager: Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo)
11:22-11:40	18 mins	National Department of Health	By Dr Relebohile Ncha (Forensic Unit at Department Of Health)
11:42-12:00	18 mins	Reimagining cemeteries: Climate Risk, Vulnerability and Sustainable Development	By Dorah Kiki & Mr. Rabelani Tshikalange (South African Local Government Association - SALGA)
12:02-12:20	18 mins	Circular memorial eco-entrepreneurship	By Lusanda Paul (Master's Student) (Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Management, Cape Peninsula University of Technology)
12:20-12:35	15 mins	Panel discussions	Question-and-answer session
12:33-13:35	1h	Lunch break	

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13:15-13:35	18 mins	Sustainability in long-term planning	By Mrs Katharine Sarabji (Municipal Planning, Professional town and regional planner: COGTA)
13:37-13:55	18 mins	Urban cemeteries as green development	By Bongumusa Walter Ngema (Master's student, Graduate Centre for Management Faculty of Business and Management Sciences, Cape Peninsula University of Technology)
13:55-14:00	5 mins	Afternoon tea/coffee working break	
14:22-14:40	18 mins	The impact of homelessness in cemeteries. A case study in the City of Johannesburg, South Africa	By Bishop Ngobeli (Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo)
14:42-15:00	18 mins	The Friends of Johannesburg Cemeteries	By Antoinette Morgan (Volunteer and committee member)
15:00-15:15	15 mins	Panel discussions	Question-and-answer session
15:15 - 15:20	5 mins	Overview of the Day's Proceedings	Close of Day 1: By Mr Reggie Moloi (Executive Member of South African Cemeteries Association)

Day Two: 26 August 2025 (Programme subject to change)

Time	Duration	Activity / Session	Details / Presenter(s)
08:00-09:00	1h	Registration	Tea and coffee will be served
09:00-09:05	5 mins	Welcome address	Mr Pepe Dass (Chairman: South African Cemeteries Association)
Facilitator introduces each speaker			Mr Cyril Mtambo (Deputy Chairman/Treasurer:- South African Cemeteries Association)
09:07-09:22	15 mins	Visualising Personhood: cemeteries as archives of the future	By Prof. Kathryn Smith (PhD (Forensic Art) Associate Professor and Chair, Visual Arts)
09:24-09:39	15 mins	The silent crisis: Unidentified natural deaths and legislative gaps in Western Cape public hospitals	By Welcerinie Bender (Master's Student, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University)
09:41-09:59	18 mins	Municipal innovations	By Dr Reginald Dennis Gwisai (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Academic, Unicaf University, Zimbabwe)
10:00-10:15	Tea/coffee break		
10:17-10:35	18 mins	Circular memorial economies: Reimagining sustainable deathcare through eco-entrepreneurship	By Ms Linda Paul (Lecturer: Graduate Centre for Management, Faculty of Business and Management Sciences, Cape Peninsula University of Technology)
10:37-10:55	18 mins	Flames of innovation	By Chantel L. Carelse-Williams (Student at Cape Peninsula University of Technology)
10:57-11:15	18 mins	Reimagining memorial practices	By Dr Piali Haldar (Associate Professor: Department of Management, Brainware University, Kolkata, India)
11:17-11:32	15 mins	Panel discussions	Question-and-answer session

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Facilitator introduces each speaker			Mr Azola Manjati (Executive member - South African Cemeteries Association)
11:34-11:52	18 mins	Importance of EIA and regulations	By Mr Vusi Skosana (Director in the unit called "Integrated Environmental Authorizations" at DFFE)
11:54-12:12	18 mins	Department of Home Affairs	By Ms Kgomotso Masekela (Department of Home Affairs)
12:14-12:32	18 mins	Efficient space use in burial sites	By Dr Hasani Patrick Shikolokolo (PhD in Development Studies from University of South Africa)
12:34-12:52	18 mins	Environmental compliance	By Mr Johann Roussouw (Funeral Industry Reformed Association FIRA)
12:54-13:09	15 mins	Panel discussion	Question-and-answer session
13:09-14:09	1h	Lunch Break	
14:11-14:30	19 mins	National House of Traditional Leaders	By The Honourable Kgosi Thabo Milton Seatlholo
14:32-14:37	5 mins	Afternoon tea/coffee working break	
14:39-14:54	15 mins	The session includes a question-and-answer session with delegates	
14:56-15:06	10 mins	Vote of Thanks	Close of Day 2: By Mr Cyril Mtambo (Deputy/Treasurer South African Cemeteries Association) and Ms Thenjiwe Mjoli (Chairperson of the JCPZ Board of Directors)

Day Two: 26 August 2025 Conference Dinner

Time	Duration	Activity / Session	Details / Presenter(s)
18:00		Conference Dinner: Venue: Wits Club & Conference, 7 Yale Road, Parktown, Johannesburg Dress Code: Smart Casual	
		Entertainment	
		Welcome remarks	Cllr Tebogo Nkokou MMC COMDEV,
		Introducing the Executive Mayor in the City of Joburg, Cllr Dada Morero	Cllr Tebogo Nkokou MMC COMDEV,
		Message from the host city	Cllr Dada Morero
		Closing remarks	Ms Thenjiwe Mjoli Chairperson of the JCPZ Board of Directors

Day Three: 27 August 2025

Time	Activity / Session	Details / Presenter(s)
08:30-09:30	Convene at Brixton Multi-purpose hall	
09:30-13:00	Site tour: Johannesburg cemeteries and historical landmarks	<p>Hosted by Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo</p> <p>Itinerary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departure: Start from the conference venue – Brixton Multipurpose Centre • Visit Braamfontein Cemetery • Visit Museum Africa • Proceed to Avalon Cemetery • Visit the Hector Peterson Memorial Museum, Soweto • Enjoy a meal at Sakhumzi Restaurant, Vilakazi, Soweto • Return to Brixton Multipurpose Centre
13:00-14:00	Close of conference	Vote of Thanks & Departure