

DRAFT PROGRAMME: 27 OCTOBER 2026

RAPDASA Industry Day

The Ranch Protea Hotel

08:00 – 09:00	Arrival, Registration, Tea & Coffee	Welcome Desk & Coffee Station
Morning Session **Chairperson: Dr Marandela Mulaudzi (Mintek)**		
09:00 – 09:10	Opening and Welcome	**Prof LJ Mampuru** Acting Executive Dean, Faculty of Science and Agriculture, UL
09:10 – 09:40	Industry Keynote	**Ms Kgabo Ntlatleng** Mineral Resources Manager (Bokoni Platinum Mines)
09:40 – 10:05	Industry and Application	**Ms Shikara Maharaj** Chief Operations Officer at Zurel
10:05 – 10:30	Technology Transfer & Innovation	**Mr David Mauchline** Vaal University of Technology/ Technology Transfer Office
10:30 – 10:50	**Mid-Morning Tea/Coffee Break**	

10:50 – 11:50	**Panel Discussion 1: Theme** Jewellery panel-high value, low volume production using Advanced Manufacturing	**Moderator: David Mauchline** Vaal University of Technology (Specialist: Technology Transfer Office) **Panel members:** **Mr Siphelele Mangele** Training and Production Manager at Limpopo Business and Jewellery Incubation (LBJI) **Mr Nhlanhla Khuzwayo** Managing Director at Ucu Jewellery Creations **Prof Hasani Chauke** Director, School of Physical and Mineral Sciences, University of Limpopo **Mr. Thabo Lebelo** Manager, Technology Transfer Office, University of Limpopo
11:55 – 12:55	**Panel Discussion 2: Theme** Mining panel-localising Industrial Components through Advanced Manufacturing	**Moderator: Dr Samuel Kgarimetsa** Valterra Platinum (Manager) **Panel members:** **Ms Kgabo Ntlatleng** Mineral Resources Manager (Bokoni Platinum Mines) **Prof Phuti Ngoepe** Materials Modelling Centre, University of Limpopo **Ms Nhluvuko Ngobeni** VIP Superintendent (PMC) **Mr Kabelo Machaba** Concentrator Technical Metallurgist (PMC) **Mr Kobus Van der Berg** Senior General Manager at Valterra Platinum
13:00 – 14:00	**Networking Lunch**	
Afternoon Session **Chairperson: Prof Hasani Chauke (UL)**		
14:00 – 14:25	Presentation by Government entity	**Ms Masindi Tendani** Limpopo Provincial Government

14:25 – 14:50	SEZ/Industry Presentation (Application/prototype/product)	**Ms Maselebalo Nchabeleng** Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ
14:50 – 15:15	Presentation by institute (University of Limpopo, Cathode Materials Group)	**Prof Phuti Ngoepe** Cathode Materials Group, University of Limpopo
15:15 – 16:30	**Syndicate Working Groups (4 x groups)** **1. How can industry and universities co-develop research that is designed for production from the outset?** **Focus:** industry-defined problems, design for manufacture, production requirements, research relevance and early end-user participation. **2. How should teaching and learning prepare graduates to translate prototypes into production-ready products?** **Focus:** design for AM, quality assurance, costing, testing, certification, entrepreneurship and work-integrated learning. **3. How can SMMEs become the manufacturing partners that take university research from prototype to market?** **Focus:** incubation, shared infrastructure, technology transfer, intellectual property, supplier development and access to industrial customers. **4. How can funding organisations bridge the gap between a successful prototype and sustainable production?** **Focus:** pilot production, industrial validation, certification, scale-up funding, procurement commitments and appropriate measures of commercial readiness. *Composed of Students/Industry/Government*	**Facilitator: Prof Hasani Chauke/Dr Maje Phasha** **Dr TM Phaahla** **Dr B Shibiri** **Dr MG Matshaba** **Dr N Ngoepe** University of Limpopo (MMC)
16:30 – 16:40	Closing Remarks	**On behalf of RAPDASA** **Mr David Mauchline**
16:40 – 17:20	**Informal Networking and Exhibitors Corner**	
17:30 – 19:30	**Networking Cocktail Function @ The Lapa**	