



**Theme: *Towards finding a sustainable solution to the language issue in South Africa***  
**24-25 JULY 2019, Indaba Hotel, Fourways, Johannesburg**

**Overview**

The Multilingualism SA Conference is designed to present participants with the opportunity to engage in robust and extensive debate on finding sustainable solutions to the language issue in government, education, business, the workplace and in society at large. The papers read/presentations made at this conference will be collated with a view of producing a comprehensive report that crystallises the proposed solutions and chart the way forward.

**Topics that will be covered at the conference**

- Critical role players in the multilingualism process
- Multilingualism in government
- Multilingualism in education
- Sociolinguistics and its implications for multilingualism
- Language as a depiction of a knowledge system
- Language as a communication tool
- School curriculum and multilingualism
- Decolonising education
- Community empowerment through language
- Language as a means of access to education

**Who will will be attending**

- Language Practitioners
- Translators
- Interpreters
- Language Researchers
- Journalists
- Communication Officers
- Teachers/Educators
- Editors
- Academics
- Radio Presenters

**SPEAKERS**



**Mr Zama Bekeweni**  
Executive Director: Multilingualism SA



**Dr Siziwe Mandubu**  
Senior Lecturer: African Languages: UNISA



**Brenda Nomadlozi Bokaba**  
Senior Lecturer: Department of African Languages, University of Pretoria (UP)



**Dr Ruth Emsley**  
Senior Lecturer: (English Studies)  
University of Limpopo (UL)



**Dr Ximbani Eric Mabaso**  
Senior Lecturer  
Head: Xitsonga Section, Department of African Languages, University of South Africa (Unisa),  
Chairperson: Xitsonga National Language Board  
Board Member: Xitsonga National Lexicography Unit



**Dr Thembeke Makamu**  
Translation Studies and Linguistics:  
University of Limpopo (LU)



**Dr Lucas Moloji**  
**President: South African Institute of Quality and Innovation (SAIQ)**



**Dr Jacques Mostert**  
 Lecturer: Research Methodology  
 Leadership Consultant  
 Senior Learning Specialist

<p><b>Day One 24 July 2019</b></p> <p>08:00-09:00 Morning Tea and Registration        09:00 Opening Remarks        A broad discussion on the language issue in the South African contexts        Speaker: Mr Zama Bekeweni        Executive Director: Multilingualism SA        10:15: # Multilingualism Ke Yona!!!        Speaker: Ms Brenda Nomadlozi Bokaba        Senior lecturer: Department of African Languages, University of Pretoria</p> <p>11:15 - 11:30 Morning Tea        11:30 – 13:00 Panel Discussion: Challenges and solutions to the promotion of indigenous languages in South Africa        Panelists: Mr Zama Bekeweni: Multilingualism SA        Dr Ruth Emsley: University of Limpopo        Ms Brenda Nomadlozi Bokaba: University of Pretoria</p> <p>13:00-14:00: Lunch Time and Networking        14:00: Multilingualism and culture        Is Multilingualism a catalytic or deterrent device to cohesion?        Speaker: Dr Ruth Emsley        University of Limpopo        15:00 – 15:15 Afternoon refreshments        15:15: A highlight of multilingualism enablers in South Africa        Speaker: Dr Ximbani Eric Mabaso        Senior lecturer        Head: Xitsonga Section, Department of African Languages, University of South Africa Chairperson: Xitsonga NLB        Board Member: Xitsonga National Lexicography Unit        16:30 Closing Remarks/End of Day One</p>	<p><b>Day Two 25 July 2019</b></p> <p>08:00 - 09:00: Morning Tea and Registration        09h00: Multilingualism as the lingua franca of South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociolinguistics and its implications for multilingualism</li> <li>• Language as a depiction of a knowledge system</li> <li>• Language as a communication tool</li> <li>• Community empowerment through language</li> <li>• Language as a means of access to education</li> </ul> <p>Speaker: Dr Siziwe Mandubu        Senior Lecturer: African Languages: UNISA</p> <p>10:00 Translation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpreting</li> <li>• Editing</li> <li>• Proofreading</li> <li>• Transcription</li> </ul> <p>Speaker: Dr Thembeke Makamu        Translation Studies and Linguistics: University of Limpopo</p> <p>11:00 – 11:15 Morning Tea        11:15: Presentation        Speaker: Dr Lucas Moloji        12:15: Presentation        Speaker: Dr Jacques Mostert        13:00 - 14:00: Lunch Time and Networking        14:00: Presentation        15:00-15:15 Afternoon Refreshments        15h15: Presentation        Speaker: Mr Manzo Khulu        16h30: Closing Remarks/ End of the conference</p>
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