

City of Tshwane Workshop

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venue: Bamboo Auditorium

3rd Floor Kgorong Building, Muckleneuk Campus

19 November 2025

Theme:		
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival of Guests and Registration	
	Programme Director: Yongama Skweyiya (UNISA)	
TIME	PROGRAMME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
09:00 – 09:10	Opening and Welcome	UNISA Official
09:10 – 09:20	Address	- City of Tshwane: Mr. Gadner - Tefu: Management and Support Officer (MSO)
09:20 – 10:00	Keynote speaker Topic: Innovating and commercialising within the parameters of legislation.	Ms Shanna Nienaber: Programme Manager, Water Research Commission
10:00	TEA BREAK	ALL
10:30 – 11:30	Innovation Showcase	
	Introduction of innovation programmes 1. WHC (seasoned entrepreneurs/innovator) 2. GROOVETECH (emerging entrepreneur/innovator) 3. MATVS – entrepreneurs 4. ECOBA	Facilitated Session: Mr. Sipho Nxasane - Mr Paseka Lesolang - Ms Linah Maphanga - Mr. Given Maluleka, <i>et al</i> - Tshepo Mongatane
11:30 – 13:00	Funding opportunities for local innovation	Facilitated Session: Ms. Thabisa Mbungwana, Divisional

	Government vs Private sector	Head: Strategic Relations and Coordination (COT) • Brian Mphahlele, Q LEAP ENERGY • Ms. Cheryl Jacobs, Development Practitioner, Fund Manager Strategy & Social Innovation Specialist: RESONATE: • Ms. Refilwe Sekutu, Senior Fund Manager - Partnership Programmes: Industrial Development Corporation (IDC):
Theme	Making innovation work in local government	Facilitated session:
	A conversation with the CFO's: Unlocking the legislative padlocks for innovation commercialisation in local government	Ms. Lydia Sebokedi Acting Executive Director: Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) • Mr. Gareth Mnisi, City of Tshwane, Chief Finance Officer (CFO) • Mr. Anton Groenewald (Group Head: ROC) • Mr Mohammed Lorgat, National Programme Director for Municipal Audit Support: South African Local Government Association (SALGA) • DSTI – Dr Tshepang Mosiea; Chief Director: Innovation for Inclusive Development · Department of Science and Innovation
Theme	Innovation in action	
	Workshop synthesis	Dr Lardo Stander, Chief Executive Officer, Tshwane

		Economic Development Agency (TEDA)
	Closing	Adv Anisha Dharumrajh
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Synopsis

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the knowledge sharing session, participants should:

- Understand how innovation can be systematically commercialised within local government.
- Have a better understanding and appreciation of the legislative instruments MFMA and MSA provisions.
- Identify potential revenue-generating opportunities within their municipalities.
- Gain practical knowledge on frameworks for innovation commercialisation.
- Establish a network of peers for ongoing support and collaboration.

Segment 1: Protocol and Opening Remarks

This segment will focus on protocol, during which leaders from the hosting entities will officially welcome participants and set the tone for the programme. They will also provide a high-level situational analysis of their respective institutions, particularly in relation to innovation and the adoption of innovative opportunities. The keynote speaker will share relevant insights, trends, and anecdotes aligned with the overall theme of the workshop.

Segment 2: Innovation Showcases and Lived Experiences

This segment takes a two-pronged approach showcasing ongoing innovation pilots while allowing innovators to share their lived experiences in implementing their solutions. The format will feature:

- Students currently placed within the Community and Social Development Department sharing their journey thus far.
- City employees from Team MATVS reflecting on their experiences; and
- Entrepreneurs (both emerging and established), such as WHC and Groovetech, share their innovation journeys.

Segment 3: Reflections and Leadership Dialogue

This session will build on the experiences shared by the innovators, exploring potential actions and interventions that municipalities could adopt to support innovation. It will also

encourage leaders to discuss how they can drive institutional reform to facilitate the easier adoption of innovative practices.

Segment 4: Plenary and Closing Reflections

The final segment will follow a two-pronged approach. First, participants will be invited to contribute inputs and reflections on the discussions. Thereafter, a senior City official will deliver a high-level reflection on the programme, highlighting key issues and potential action points for follow-up.