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UnItAfrica: Universities, Cooperation and Science Diplomacy

University of Johannesburg, May 6th- 9th, 2026

Wednesday May 6th

13.00 – 14.30: Arrival at University of Johannesburg, registration, welcome and refreshment at the University of Johannesburg Library, Auckland Park Campus (APK Entrance through Gate 1, Kingsway Avenue, Madibeng Building)

15.00: Transfer to Pretoria

17.00: Networking event organised by the Embassy of Italy Pretoria (reception at the “Italian Club” Pretoria)

19.30: Return transfer to Radisson Red Hotel, Rosebank

20.30: Dinner at the Hotel in the Radisson Red’s restaurant

Thursday May 7th

Venue: University of Johannesburg, Kerzner Auditorium, Bunting Road Campus, Auckland Park

08.30: *Registration*

09.00: **Institutional Greetings**

moderator: **Anisa Khan**, Director of Academic Services, Division for Global Engagement, University of Johannesburg

Welcome message by **Refilwe Phaswana-Mafuya**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation, University of Johannesburg

Luca Tiano, Scientific and Technological Attaché of the Embassy of Italy Pretoria

Bhaso Ndzendze, Director of the Division for Global Engagement, University of Johannesburg

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Empowering the Academic Cooperation between Italy and Africa for fostering the quality and effectiveness of the higher education systems in a mutual learning environment, TNE23-00050 - CUP D81I24000280007

Sabrina Sorlini, UnItAfrica TNE Coordinator, University of Brescia (*online*)

Carola Ricci, Delegate for Africa and Cooperation, UnItAfrica TNE Local Scientific Coordinator,
University of Pavia

Michele Greco, Vice Rector for Internationalization, University of Basilicata

09.30: **Impact of UnItAfrica Project on South-African and Italian HEIs: Long-Life Learning Through the Advanced Skill Courses**

Open discussion led by **Luigi Milella** (University of Basilicata) *and* **Lee-Anne Modley** (University of Johannesburg)

Setsipane Mokoduwe, Director of Internationalisation, University of Pretoria

Marco Oliva, UnItAfrica Local Administrative Coordinator, University of Pavia

Gianluca Di Rosario, University of Brescia

UJ Students' feedback

11.00 – *Coffee break*

11.30: **Sustainability of the UnItAfrica Alliance: Ensuring Long-Term Impacts**

Gianluca Di Rosario (University of Brescia) and **Anisa Khan** (University of Johannesburg)

Open discussion

13.00 – *Lunch*

14.30: **The Platform for Innovative Teaching (PIT)**

Nicola D'Alberton, University of Trento (*online*) and **Sheetal Soni** (KwaZulu Natal University)

Open discussion

16.00: Day 1 Reflections and first wrap up

16.30: Shuttle transfer to the Hotel (Radisson Red, Rosebank)

19.00 – 21.00: Dinner for the participants of the UNITAFRICA dissemination event

Friday May 8th

09.00: **Fostering Future Research and Thematic Groups' discussion**

Thematic Group 3: One Health as an “integrated approach to balance and optimize the health of people, animals and the environment”: how can law, economics and hard sciences contribute in times of climate change?

moderator: Luca Tiano, Scientific and Technological Attaché of the Embassy of Italy Pretoria

Open discussion with planned inputs

10.30 – Coffee break

11.00: *Thematic Group 6: Transformative Educational Leadership in a Changing World: Building Resilient Africa–Europe Partnerships*

moderator: Kat Yassim, Head of Dept. Educational Leadership and Management (UJ)

Open discussion and planned inputs

12.00: **Wrap-up and recommendations**

Carola Ricci, Luigi Milella, Luca Tiano, Anisa Khan, Marco Oliva

Open discussion with all the present participants

12.30 – Farewell Lunch and networking

13.30: Depart for optional networking event and historical tour of the Apartheid Museum

14.30: Networking event among the remaining participants to the UnItAfrica dissemination event
(tour of the Apartheid Museum)

17.00: Return transfer to the hotel

Saturday May 9th

UnItAfrica@Lotus Versfeld-stadion

9.00: Transfer from Radisson Red Hotel (Rosebank) to Pretoria

10.00: UnItAfrica Stand @Loftus Versfeld-stadion

15.30: Return transfer to Radisson Red Hotel (Rosebank)

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