

# CONFERENCE ON QUANTITATIVE EDUCATION RESEARCH

## 21 & 22 August 2024

### DAY 1 QER: 21 AUGUST 2024 | STIAS, STELLENBOSCH

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR
9:00	Registration and coffee		
9:30	Servaas van der Berg (Resep, SU)	Pandemic related learning losses and prospects of recovery	Servaas van der Berg (Resep, SU)
10:15	Mary Metcalfe (NPC)	Prepared response	
10:25	Isaac Mbiti (Univ. of Virginia)	Do teacher incentives live up to their promise: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa	
11:15	Tea break		
11:45	Janeli Kotzé (DBE)	How to achieve universal access to ECD programmes by 2030?	Gail Campbell (Zenex)
12:15	Jesal Kika-Mistry (World Bank & Resep, SU)	Cost, Compliance and User Fees in the Early Childhood Care and Education Sector in South Africa	
12:45	Lunch		
	Panel session: Public finance and education		
13:45	John Kruger (Resep)	Prioritising Education Spending in the Face of Austerity	Thabo Mabogoane (DPME)
14:10	Spencer Janari (Treasury)	Basic Education Spending Trends – a 10 Year View	
14:35	Questions & Answers		
15:00	Tea		
15:30	Asanda Lobelo (SALDRU, UCT)	The use of early grade reading benchmarks to improve the efficacy of assessment in African languages	Nwabisa Makaluza (Funda Wandé)
16:00	Martin Gustafsson (DBE, Resep)	Mathematics in South Africa: Improvements, but still a binding constraint for national development	
16:40	END OF DAY 1 CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS		
DRINKS AND BUFFET DINNER AT STIAS			

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### DAY 2 QER: 22 AUGUST 2024 | STIAS, STELLENBOSCH

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR
8:30	Coffee		
9:00	Stephen Taylor (DBE)	Measuring long-run impacts of early education interventions using SA data	Albert Chanee (GDE)
9:40	Khodani Makatu & Jef Jacobs (New Leaders Foundation)	The use of Data Driven Districts (DDD) Data	
10:10	Chris van Wyk & Servaas van der Berg (Resep, SU)	What school based assessments tell us about learner progression	
10:50	Tea		
	Panel session: The National Senior Certificate ('matric') before and after the pandemic		
11:20	Rebecca Selkirk (Resep, SU)	Trends in the NSC: 2008–2023	Nompumelelo Mohohlwane (DBE)
11:40	Emma Whitelaw (SALDRU, UCT)	Assessment matters: What can we understand about National Senior Certificate results	
12:00	Tim Köhler (DPRU, UCT) & Gabrielle Wills (Resep, SU)	Matric and the labour market	
12:30	Questions & Answers		
12:50	Lunch		
13:50	Lunga Swelindawo (DBE, Resep)	Small schools in South Africa: Infrastructure disparities, educational offerings, and the fate of displaced learners	Anil Kanjee (TUT)
14:20	Debra Shepherd & Glen Takalani (Resep, SU)	Social Influences on Grade 9 Maths Performance in SA: An application of expectancy value theory	
14:50	Brahm Fleisch (WITS)	The effects of Teaching Assistants on letter knowledge of Foundation Phase students in South Africa: Findings from an exploratory trial	
15:30	TEA AND DEPARTURE		