

PROGRAMME

2026 REGIONAL IPSO GATHERING - 01 - 02 OCTOBER 2026 - JOHANNESBURG - SOUTH AFRICA

DAY 1 - 01 OCTOBER 2026

08:00 - 08:30	Arrival & Light Breakfast	
08:30 - 09:00	OPENING FRAMING & JOINING COMMENTS: Dr. Rica Viljoen	
09:05 - 10:00	SOCIAL DREAMING MATRIX: Dr. Calum McComb & Thando Ikaneng	
10:00 - 10:20	Break	
10:20 - 11:20	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION (with Q&A): Prof. Frans Cilliers - <i>Self-as-Instrument. A Core Systems Psychodynamic Construct</i>	
11:20 - 12:10	Lunch	
12:10 - 12:50	STREAM 1: Dr. Henk Struwig - <i>The Stories Beneath our Organisations: From Progress and Control to Relationship and Belonging</i>	STREAM 2: Michelle Eglin - <i>If South Africa Were a Person: Holding a Nation in Mind</i>
12:50 - 13:35	STREAM 1: Tamsen Saayman, Prof. Michelle May, Dr. Louise Tonelli & Dr. Inette Taylor - <i>What Are We Making AI Into? Location and Dislocation of Authority in Organisational Life</i>	STREAM 2: Dr. Jan P Bosman - <i>What If the Unspoken Is Not Hidden? Inheritance, Power, Recognition and Renewal in Living Organisational Systems</i>
13:35 - 13:50	Break	
13:50 - 14:35	STREAM 1: Ronelle Swanepoel - <i>Is the new Big Bang of Anti-immigration creating a new global Epoch or destroying / resetting the current Epoc, or are we discarding the existence of quantum cultures by fixating on authentic heritage?</i>	STREAM 2: Kevin Jooste - <i>Holding Without Resolving: Reflexive Inquiry into Containment and the Researcher as Instrument in Systems-Psychodynamic Leadership Development</i>
14:35 - 15:20	STREAM 1: Bevin Reynolds - <i>Returning by Becoming: The Mermaid in a Turbulent World</i>	STREAM 2: Bedelia Theunissen & Christa Swart - <i>Holding the System: Leadership, Defences and Renewal in Organisational Turbulence and Change</i>
15:20 - 15:30	Break	
15:30 - 16:15	CONVERSATION: Lorraine Beaumont, Mmaphela Lylian Kgatla, Bronwyn May Johnson, Nozuko Hlefana - <i>Around the Boabab Tree: Emerging from the Field: Power, Identity and Care in African Organisations</i>	
16:15 - 17:00	REVIEW & SYNTHESIS: Dr. Jean Cooper	
17:00 - 18:00	FIRESIDE CHAT: Dr. Vusi Vilakati & Bishop Dr. Sidwell Mokgothu - <i>An African Lekgotta</i>	

DAY 2 - 02 OCTOBER 2026

08:00 - 08:30	Arrival & Light Breakfast	
08:30 - 09:30	SOCIAL DREAMING MATRIX: Dr. Calum McComb & Thando Ikaneng	
09:35 - 10:30	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION (with Q&A): Dr. Dumisani Magadla - <i>Ubuntu Intelligence - Re-awakening humane interconnectedness</i>	
10:30 - 10:50	Break	
10:50 - 11:50	APPLICATION LAB (ACTION LEARNING SETS): Dr. Jean Cooper	
11:50 - 12:50	Lunch	
12:50 - 13:35	STREAM 1: Dr. Rica Viljoen - <i>The Ending We Could Not Yet Dream: Swan Lake, Splitting and Renewal in a Fragmenting World</i>	STREAM 2: Dr. Calum McComb - <i>When Leaving Speaks: Voluntary Turnover as an Expression of the Unspoken Organisation</i>
13:35 - 14:20	STREAM 1: Lurinda Maree, Prof. Marié-Heleen Coetzee, Shamiga Makaku - <i>Towards articulating "unspeakables": Embodied witnessing and aesthetic experiencing as an approach to organisational wellness interventions</i>	STREAM 2: Dr. Jean Cooper - <i>Africa's White Tribe: A Systems-Psychodynamic reflection on Afrikaner inheritance, trauma and identity in the post-Apartheid era.</i>
14:20 - 14:50	Break	
14:50 - 15:30	STREAM 1: Dr. Samuel Njenga - <i>Holding the Unspoken: African Systems Thinking and Organisational Anxiety in a Fragmenting World</i>	
15:30 - 16:00	STREAM 1: Alexandra Gerny - <i>The Future of Systems Psychodynamic Analytic Thinking and Organisations - A Professional Body Lens</i>	
16:05 - 16:30	REVIEW & SYNTHESIS: Dr. Jean Cooper	
16:30 - 17:00	CLOSING PLENARY: Dr. Rica Viljoen & Prof. Michelle May - <i>Taking the Work Forward</i>	