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REFERENCE: FINAL INFORMATION LETTER - NAST NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

25 JUNE 2025

To: Delegates
Principals of all schools participating in NAST Conference
Department Heads of all schools participating in NAST Conference
Specializations educators of all schools participating in NAST Conference
CC: Provincial representatives
NAST EXECUTIVE
DBE OFFICIALS

**RE: NAST NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025 30 JUNE 2025 TO 3 JULY 2025,
THS LOUIS BOTHA BLOEMFONTEIN.**

Dear Delegates,

The above matter refers.

This letter serves as the final communication to all delegates participating in the NAST National Conference 2025, taking place from **Monday, 30 June 2025** (Registration and Opening) to **Thursday, 3 July 2025**.

This conference is proudly supported and sponsored by School Governing Bodies (SGBs), Provincial Departments of Education, the Department of Basic Education (DBE), Raubex Construction, ETDP SETA, and various exhibitors.

Below is important logistical information to assist with your planning and coordination:

DATES & DAILY PROGRAMME

Exhibitors will proudly market their individual products, programmes, and information to delegates throughout the four (4) days.

- **Day 1 – Monday, 30 June 2025**
Registration: 13:00 – 16:00
Opening Event: 16:30
- **Day 2 – Tuesday, 1 July 2025**
Presentations, Panel Discussions, and Subject Breakaway Sessions
- **Day 3 – Wednesday, 2 July 2025**
Excursion: Visits to training centres, schools, and tertiary institutions
- **Day 4 – Thursday, 3 July 2025**
NAST General Meeting, Motivational Speaker & Closing Event

Final Programme:

Please refer to **Annexure A** for the full programme.

CONFERENCE VENUE

THS Louis Botha, Victoria Drive, Bloemfontein

GALA DINNER

- ❖ **Date & Time:** Wednesday, 2 July 2025 at 18:30
- ❖ **Venue:** BON Hotel, Central Bloemfontein
- ❖ **Dress Code:** Semi-formal/Casual

Note: A cash bar will be available. You may not bring your own refreshments, as per hotel policy.

ACCOMMODATION (Only applicable to delegates making use of the NAST arrangement/full package.)

Delegates will be accommodated at:

- ✧ **BON Hotel Bloemfontein Central**, Burger Street, Bloemfontein
- ✧ **Road Lodge Bloemfontein**
- ✧ **Check-In/Out Procedures:**

Note:

- ✓ After registration and accreditation at THS Louis Botha, delegates will be informed of their accommodation allocation.
 - ✓ **Important:** If registering after 15:00 on 30 June, check-in at hotels will only be allowed **after 20:00** (following the conclusion of the Day 1 programme).
 - ✧ **Check-out:** Morning of Thursday, 3 July 2025, **before 07:30**.
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MEALS

- ✧ **Breakfast:** Served at accommodation venues (06:00 – 07:30)
 - ✧ **Tea Breaks & Lunches:** Served at the conference venue
 - ✧ **Day 3 Lunch (Excursion):** Provided on the bus
 - ✧ **Suppers:** Provided at accommodation venues
 - ✧ **Gala Dinner:** Wednesday, 2 July 2025 at BON Hotel
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ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE (CONFERENCE)

- ✧ **Arrival:** Registration on 30 June 2025, 13:00 – 16:00 at THS Louis Botha
- ✧ **Departure:** The programme ends at approximately 14:15 on 3 July 2025. A travel lunch pack will be provided to all delegates.

CONFERENCE MATERIALS

➤ Delegates are requested to bring:

- ◆ Extra writing pad(s)
- ◆ Pens

Note: A string bag, writing pad, and pen will also be provided.

TRANSPORT

- Transport between the accommodation and the conference venue is the responsibility of each delegate.
- **Excursion Day – 2 July 2025:**
Buses will pick up delegates at 08:00 from Bon Hotel and Road Lodge.

Note: Private transport is strictly not allowed for the excursion.

CONTACT PERSON

Conference Coordinator:

Mr. Wimpie Lodewyk – 082 339 7063

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Important Notice: What to Bring

Please be aware that this part of the Free State, Bloemfontein can get quite cold, especially in the mornings and evenings. We recommend that all attendees bring **warm clothing**, including jackets, scarves, and layers, to stay comfortable throughout the conference.

The **conference sessions will be held in a school hall**, which may also be cold at times, so please dress warmly even when indoors.

For the **excursion day**, don't forget to bring:

- A **hat** for sun protection
- **Sunblock**, especially if you are sensitive to the sun
- **Comfortable walking shoes**, as we will be visiting sites that involve walking on uneven or outdoor terrain

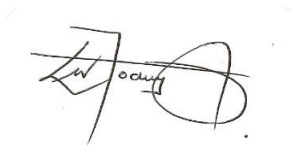
Being prepared will help you enjoy both the conference and excursions more comfortably. We look forward to seeing you there!

Any further instructions or updates will be communicated before 30 June 2025, if necessary. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Lodewyk.

Kindly ensure all delegates receive this information.

Thank you once again for your cooperation and support. We look forward to welcoming you to a successful and enriching conference.

Yours faithfully,



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ANNEXURE A: NAST NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025 PROGRAMME

30 JUNE 2025 TO 3 JULY 2025

(Changes may occur and this will be communicated to all stakeholders and invited guests)

DAY 1 Monday: 30 June 2025:	Program Directors: Mr Pieter Moller & Mr Funani Mabala	
09:00 -11:30 Planning committee meeting (NAST & LdeK)	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
13:00 -16:30 Registration process - arrivals refreshments	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
Guests and Attendees will enjoy refreshment upon arrival with registration		
16:00 - 17:00 Guests of honor (Briefing will be held at the holding area.	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
All delegates must be seated no later than 16:30 in the conference venue		
17:00 - 18:00 Opening, Welcome word (NAST), Word of Support - Sponsor ETDP Seta	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
18:00 - 19:00 Guest speaker: DG Mr. M. Mweli (DBE)	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
19:00 - 20:00 Ice Breaker event (TEAMBO)	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
20:00 End of DAY1 Delegation leave for accommodation venue	(No Supper at conference, only at accommodation venues)	
DAY 2 Tuesday: 1 July 2025:	Program Directors: Mr Pieter Moller & Mr Funani Mabala	
08:30 - 09:00 Opening and administration session	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
09:00 - 10:30 Presentation: Topic DBE official	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
10:30 - 11:00 Tea break	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
11:15 - 12:45 Panel discussion Panel members: NAST, Tertiary institutions, DBE, Sponsors	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
13:00 - 13:45 Lunch	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
14:00 - 14:30 Breakaway session-information	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
14:30 - 16:30 Breakaway sessions (9x Specializations, EGD, Technical Mathematics & Technical Sciences)	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
16:30 - 17:00 Tea break	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
17:15 - 18:45 Report back from breakaway groups.	THS LOUIS BOTHA	
19:00 End of DAY 2 Delegation leave for accommodation venue	(No Supper at conference, only at accommodation venues)	
DAY 3 Wednesday: 2 July 2025:	Program Director: NAST EXECUTIVE MEMBER	
08:30 - 09:00 Opening and transport arrangements	Bon Hotel (Venue)	
09:00 - 13:00 Travel to site visits (Guided by officials) Sites to visit: * SA Truck Bodies factory and training centre * Motheo TVET Campuses: Hillside View and Artisan Skills Academy * Hodisa THS (School) * Qualitas Career Academy * Raubex Training Centre * Mangaung Technical Vocational Centre	From Bon Hotel Visiting programme to all venues	Buses - transport (Company)
13:00 - 13:30 Lunch (Travel packs on the bus)		
13:30 - 16:30 Travel on site visits (Guided by officials) Continue to site visits	Visiting programme to all venues	Buses - transport (Company)
18:30 - Gala Dinner with entertainment	Bon Hotel (Venue)	
23:30 End of DAY 3 Delegation leave for accommodation venue		

<u>DAY 4 Thursday: 3 July 2025:</u>	Program Directors: Mr Jason Beukes + TBA
08:30 - 09:00 Opening and administration session	THS LOUIS BOTHA
09:00 - 10:30 General NAST meeting Mr Phillip Teffo (Chairperson) and Executive (Election Reps of provinces, membership, general matters etc.)	THS LOUIS BOTHA
10:30 - 11:00 Tea break	THS LOUIS BOTHA
11:15 - 12:45 Motivation Speaker (GP VAN RHEEDE VAN OUDTSHOORN - Coppertop Consulting)	THS LOUIS BOTHA
13:00 -14:00 Vote of Thanks & Closing	THS LOUIS BOTHA
14:15 - Lunch (Travel packs) and departure	THS LOUIS BOTHA