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REFERENCE: FINAL INFORMATION LETTER - NAST NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

To: EXHIBITORS

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

Dear Exhibitors,

The above matter refers.

This letter serves as the final communication to all exhibitors 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.

Important Information for Exhibitors – NAST National Conference 2025

Conference Dates: 30 June – 3 July 2025

Venue: THS Louis Botha, Victoria Drive, Bloemfontein

Please take careful note of the following logistical information to assist with your planning and preparation for the NAST National Conference 2025:

1. Stall Setup

- ❖ All exhibitors are required to set up their stalls on **Monday, 30 June 2025**, between **10:00 and 12:00** at the conference venue (THS Louis Botha).
- ❖ All displays **must be fully set up and operational by 12:00**, as delegate registration begins promptly at **13:00**.
- ❖ We will make every effort to place all exhibitors **inside the main conference venue (school hall)**. However, if space is limited, priority will be given to exhibitors **who registered first**. Remaining exhibitors will be allocated space in the **dining area**, where tea breaks and lunches will be served.

2. Exhibitor Benefits & Logistics

- ❖ **Exhibition space:** Approx. 5m x 3m area, with a branded backdrop.
- ❖ **Furniture provided:** 2 tables and 2–4 chairs per exhibitor stall.
- ❖ **Exhibitor passes:** Complimentary passes will be provided according to the package you selected.
- ❖ All exhibitors must also register to have accreditations. These include:
- ❖ Access to all conference sessions
- ❖ All meals and refreshments at the conference venue

Note: Accommodation is NOT included

- ❖ **Electricity:** Shared power outlets will be available. Please bring your own **extension cords/multi-plugs** to ensure sufficient power access.
 - ❖ **Wi-Fi:** Free Wi-Fi will be available inside the school hall (main conference venue).
 - ❖ **Branding Rights:** Your business/institution **name and logo will appear** in the official conference programme and on the event website.
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3. Promotional Materials

- ❖ You may include promotional items in the delegate registration packs.
- ❖ If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, **all promotional material must be delivered to:**

**Mr. Wimpie Lodewyk,
BON Hotel Bloemfontein Central,
By Saturday, 28 June 2025 at 12:00 (noon)**

Please **contact Mr. Lodewyk in advance** to confirm delivery and coordination: Tel/WhatsApp: **082 339 7063**

4. Gala Dinner Invitation

- ❖ All exhibitors are invited to attend the **Gala Dinner** with conference delegates:
- ❖ **Date:** Wednesday, 2 July 2025
- ❖ **Time:** 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.

- ❖ **Confirmation required:**
Please confirm the **number of exhibitor representatives** attending the Gala Dinner (from those holding exhibitor passes) by **WhatsApp** to Mr. Wimpie Lodewyk (**082 339 7063**) no later than: **Thursday, 26 June 2025 at 14:00**. Include your **company/business/institution name** and the **number of attendees**
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5. Contact for Assistance

Should you require any assistance on the day, or have specific setup needs or questions, please do not hesitate to contact: **Mr. Wimpie Lodewyk Tel/WhatsApp: 082 339 7063**

Additional information you may need:

DATES & DAILY PROGRAMME

Exhibitors will proudly market their individual products, programme, 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
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Final Programme:

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

MEALS

- ✧ **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.
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TRANSPORT

- Transport between the accommodation and the conference venue is the responsibility of each delegate/exhibitors.
- **Excursion Day – 2 July 2025:**

Buses will pick up delegates at 08:00 from Bon Hotel and Road Lodge.

Exhibitors are welcome to board the buses should they wish to participate in the excursion visits to the various venues.

Exhibitors are kindly requested to confirm the number of their representatives who will be joining the excursion site visits at the registration table.

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!

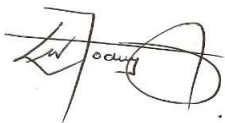
Any further instructions or up

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)

<u>DAY 1 Monday: 30 June 2025:</u>		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. Mveli (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)	
<u>DAY 2 Tuesday: 1 July 2025:</u>		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)	
<u>DAY 3 Wednesday: 2 July 2025:</u>		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			

DAY 4 Thursday: 3 July 2025:	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