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WELCOME TO ALL DELEGATES



Siboniso Duma

MEC for Transport and Human Settlements

We thank you for attending this historic gathering. We have the opportunity to shape the transport sector and usher in a new era of prosperity in KwaZulu-Natal and the country as a whole.

We must collectively use transport as a catalyist for the growth of all sectors of the economy.

Why Transport Indaba ?

- The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport continues to play a central role in enabling economic growth, social connectivity and spatial transformation through the development and maintenance of a safe, reliable and sustainable transport system.
- As infrastructure demands increase and the province responds to emerging economic and climate realities, there is a growing need for strategic dialogue between government, industry, academia and development partners.
- The proposed KwaZulu-Natal Transport Indaba will serve as a high-level engagement platform to examine emerging transport trends, share policy direction, and identify opportunities for innovation, collaboration and investment in the provincial transport sector.
- Indaba will be attended by senior government leadership, industry stakeholders and infrastructure specialists to discuss the future of transport infrastructure and services in the province.
- Indaba will also support alignment with national development priorities, infrastructure investment strategies and sustainable mobility initiatives.

Who is attending ?

- Government & Public Sector: Senior government leadership, national departments and sector institutions.
- Industry & Private Sector: Transport operators, infrastructure investors, technology providers and industry leaders.
- Academia, schools & Specialists: Infrastructure specialists, academic experts and development partners.
- Strategic Participants: Keynote speakers and high-level panel participants.
- Exhibition: Government departments, entities and industry players in the transport and construction sector.

KwaZulu-Natal and Transport infrastructure

- KwaZulu-Natal occupies a strategically important position within the South African transport and logistics network.
- The province hosts major economic gateways including the Port of Durban, national freight corridors, and extensive provincial road infrastructure that supports trade, tourism and rural connectivity.
- Increasing infrastructure demands, climate resilience requirements, evolving freight and passenger mobility patterns, and fiscal constraints necessitate innovative approaches to infrastructure delivery and management.
- These challenges are compounded by rapid urbanisation, increased freight movement and the need to improve public transport systems.
- Globally, governments are adopting integrated approaches that combine infrastructure planning, technology innovation, sustainable transport solutions and private sector participation.
- The Transport Indaba will provide an opportunity to reflect on these challenges and identify strategic solutions for strengthening transport infrastructure development and service delivery in KwaZulu-Natal.

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Purpose and Context

- The purpose of the KwaZulu-Natal Transport Indaba is to create a structured platform for policy dialogue, knowledge exchange and strategic planning on the future of transport infrastructure and mobility within the province.
- The Indaba will bring together policymakers, infrastructure specialists, investors, technology providers and transport operators to explore opportunities for modernising transport systems, improving infrastructure resilience and unlocking economic development opportunities.
- The event will also provide a forum to discuss strategic initiatives aligned to national and provincial development priorities, including infrastructure investment, corridor development, digital transformation of transport services and the transition towards environmentally sustainable transport systems.
- Furthermore, the engagement will strengthen coordination between national departments, provincial authorities and private sector partners in advancing long-term infrastructure development objectives.

DAY 1 PROGRAMME, FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Agenda Item	Responsible Person
07:00–07:50	Registration, Arrival Tea & Networking	All delegates, exhibitors, media
07:50–08:00	Seating of Principals / Final House Readiness	Protocol, Programme Director, VIP support
08:00–08:05	Programme Director Welcome & Housekeeping	ProgrammeDirector :MrAlexMthiyane
08:05 – 08:10	Opening Prayer & Scripture	ApostleV Mpungose – Provincial Chaplain
08:10–08:25	Welcome Address	eThekwini Metro Mayor – His Worship Cllr Cyril Xaba
08:25–08:35	Strategic Transport & Economic Connectivity Video	Programme Director
08:35–08:55	Purpose, Objectives & Intended Outcomes of the Transport Indaba	MEC for Transport, Hon. S.A. Duma
08:55–09:10	Official Opening Address & Message of Support	Minister of Transport , Hon B. Creecy
09:10–09:25	Tea Break	All delegates
09:30 –10:40	Strategic Plenary Cluster 1 – Freight,Aviation & Multimodal Integration	**Lead speaker:** Prof Jan Havenga(Stellenbosch Univ), **Panellists:** Mr Moshe Motlohi (Chief Executive:Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager, has been in the field of logistics for over 20years), Mr Pumi Motsoahae (a distinguished infrastructure, transport and investment executive whose career of more than 25 years spans ports, maritime, freight logistics, transport planning and the delivery of large-scale capital infrastructure.)Mr Muller van Niekerk (Transnet) Ms Michelle Green-Thompson (Regional Airport-Ulundi), Mr Ricardo Issac (Dube TradePort), Mr Nkosinathi Myataza (KSIA) Mr Mzwamandla Sosibo (Maritime), , Mr Gavin Kelly (Road Freight Association) **Moderator:** Ms Nompumelelo Mncwabe
10:40–11:50	Strategic Plenary Cluster 2 – Climate Resilient Networks & Strategic Transport Corridors	**Lead speaker**: Commander Tsiestie Mokhele(Global Business Leader, Maritime and Ocean Economy Expert **Panellists:** Mr Nicholas PierreVerrier (COO –Grinaker-LTA) JaapVan Der Merwe (Expert in rail and logistics: OperationVulindlela (OV)Adv Mathabatha Mokonyama (Director-General, National Department of Transport)

		Ms Noloyiso Walingo (Director: Climate Change: EDTEA) Mr Sibusiso Ntshalintshali (Project Officer: Public-Private Partnership and Manager: Renewable Energy, eThekwini Municipality) Mr Paseka Mabina (Director: Climate Change Mitigation Research and Analysis, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Mr. Maoto Molefane(DDG: Corridor development (Dept. Of Trade and Industry) **Moderator**: Prof Busani Ngcaweni UJ **Lead speaker:** Prof Mpho Primus (Institute for Intelligent Systems, UJ)
11:50–13:00	Intelligence & Funding	**Panellists**: Ms Vilosh Naidoo (DBSA), Ms Lana Meyer (Growth Fund), Mr Ndumiso Mlambo (Trade & Investment KZN), Mr Herman Visser (Principal Engineer Strategic Plenary Cluster 3 – Smart Operations, Asset – ARRB Systems), Ms Melanie Kemp Hofmeyer(SA Road Federation), Ms Mameetse Masemola (Infrastructure South Africa) Mr Sandile Mahlaba (Microsoft), Mr Aubery Mnisi (African Technologist), Mr Leonard Malapane (NDOT – Road Engineering Standards) **Moderator:** Prof Lwazi Lushaba
13:00 –13:30	PlenarySynthesis&CommissionMandate	ProgrammeDirector,HOD,CommissionChairs, Rapporteurs
13:30–14:00	Lunch,Exhibition&MediaEngagement	Alldelegates,exhibitors,media
14:00 –16:30	Parallel Thematic Commissions 1–3	Commission Chairs, Rapporteurs, relevant stakeholders
16:30 –16:45	Buffer Time	Delegates, Commission Chairs, Rapporteurs
16:45 –17:15	Commission Outcome Harvest – Headline Decisions Only	Commission Chairs, Rapporteurs, Executive Leadership
17:15–17:30	Formal Close of Physical Indaba Programme	Programme Director / KZNDOT Leadership
17:30 onward	Departures / Informal Networking	Delegates and invited stakeholders

