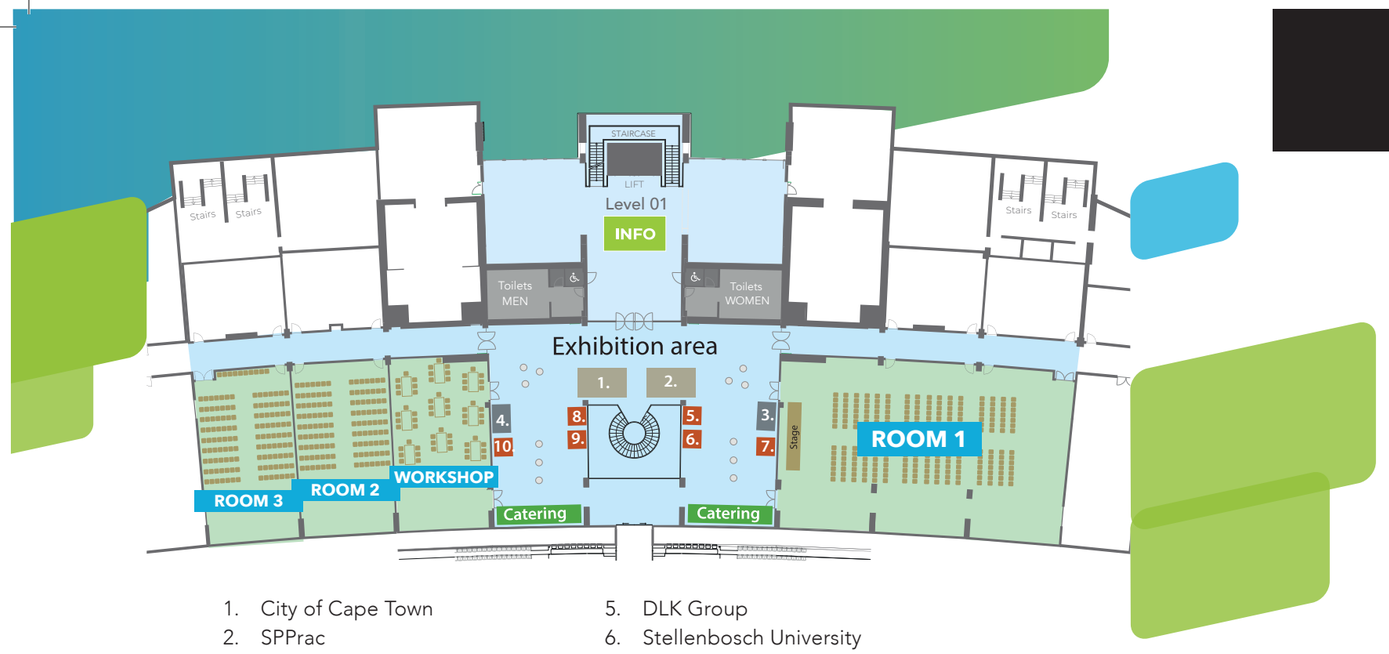


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09:00 AM – 09:50 AM **OPENING AND KEYNOTE** - ROOM 1

Beyond the Finish Line: Resilience, Purpose and the Pursuit of Excellence

Candice Lill, Professional Mountain Bike Racer, SPPrac

ROOM 1

10:10 AM – 10:50 AM
Why Can't We Stop? The Psychology of Project Termination
Werner Meyer, Director
ProjectLink Holdings (Pty) Ltd

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM
Shifting from What Is Wrong to What Is Strong
Amelia Visagie, Associate Design Director: Social Sustainability, Zutari

LUNCH 11:40 AM – 12:40 PM

12:40 PM – 01:20 PM
Sustainability as the Value Driver in Infrastructure Projects
Sinaye Mgolombane, Chairman
Project Management South Africa (PMSA)

1:40 PM – 2:20 PM
Show me the Benefits, please.
Mark Cawood, Manager
Corporate Project, Programme & Portfolio Management
City of Cape Town

ROOM 2

10:10 AM – 10:50 AM
Project Management Competence as a Critical Success Factor in Lowest-Bid Infrastructure Projects: Evidence from Rwanda's Electricity Grid Interconnections
Shyam Trishen Kommal,
Business Owner, Mr Bikes

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM
Structuring Fragmented Applied Research: A Framework-Based Architecture for Cumulative Knowledge Development
Barend Daniel Peters, Candidate PhD
Stellenbosch University

11:20 AM – 11:50 AM
Project Phase Dynamics Across EPCM Projects Aligned with Personality Characteristics
Bernhard Peter Schommarz, Process Engineer, WOOD Group

11:55 AM – 12:25 PM
Project Management of Academic Research Collaborations: A Mixed Methods Study in the Biological Sciences
Prof Taryn Bond-Barnard,
Professor, Stellenbosch University

LUNCH 12:25 PM - 01:20 PM

1:20 PM – 1:50 PM
The Impact of Project Sponsors' Rotation on Project Outcomes
Dingaan Motaung
Senior Technologist in Reliability Engineering, Sasol, Sasolburg & Natref Operations

1:55 PM – 02:25 PM
The Influence of Organisational Cultural on Project Communication Management and Project Success: A Case Study of Project Success in a Namibian Consulting Construction Organisation
Prof Taryn Bond-Barnard, Professor,
Academic Programme Coordinator
MEM, Stellenbosch University

ROOM 3

10:10 AM – 10:40 AM
Megaprojects' Impact on Organisations: A Cost Overrun Perspective
Moloko Mohale, Senior Project Controls Leader,
Oil and Gas

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM
Analysing Factors Contributing to Government Construction Project Abandonment in Namibia: A Systems Approach Using Interpretive Structural Modelling (ISM) with MICMAC Analysis
Lovely Frampton Damaseb
Stellenbosch University

11:20 AM – 11:50 AM
The Impact of Environmental Regulations on Oil and Gas Projects
Phuti Jimmy Makgobjane, Senior Electrical Engineer
Hatch

11:55 AM – 12:25
Navigating Decision-Making Challenges in Matrix-Structured Projects: The Impact of Unpredictable Priority Changes by Stakeholders
Ngeletshedzo Nyambeni and Mia Mangaroo-Pillay
Stellenbosch Univesity

LUNCH 12:25 PM - 01:20 PM

WORKSHOP

10:10 AM – 12:25 PM

PMO Impact Masterclass: From Maturity Assessment to Greater Organisational Impact

Facilitator: Prof Robert Joslin, Founder of AIPMO, Alma Mater Europaea University

This interactive masterclass-style workshop provides PMO leaders and professionals with an opportunity to explore PMO maturity, impact and development through a practical, data-driven approach.

Rather than focusing only on presentations and theory, the workshop is designed around active participation and shared learning. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their own PMO environment, compare perspectives with peers and identify areas where their PMO could strengthen its contribution to organisational performance.

02:40 PM – 03:20 PM - ROOM 1

A Review of Project Management as a Profession in South Africa
Giel Bekker, Professor, Graduate School of Technology Management, University of Pretoria

03:50 PM – 04:20 PM **KEYNOTE** - ROOM 1

Mind the Gap: Future Competence Requirements for Delivering Projects in the Age of AI

Prof. Dr. Reinhard Wagner, Associate Professor Stellenbosch University and Alma Mater Europaea University

04:20 PM – 04:40 PM **Closing Session**

04:40 PM – 08:00 PM **Networking and open bar**

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

09:00 AM – 09:50 AM **OPENING AND KEYNOTE** - ROOM 1

Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone

Prof Robert Joslin, Founder of AIPMO, Alma Mater Europaea University

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10:10 AM – 10:50 AM
PMO Within the Business
Claudia Cloete, PMO Manager
Consilio LLC

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM
'Great Plan. Now Add Humans' - Facing and unlocking the human ingredients for project success
Maria Botha, Senior Organisational Design Specialist, DLK Group

LUNCH 11:40 AM – 12:40 PM

12:40 PM – 01:20 PM
Every Project is a Data Project: The Data Governance Dimension of Project Management
Abeda Essop,
Data Lead - Data Governance
DAMA SA & DLK Group

1:40 PM – 2:20 PM
Bridging the Gap Between Estimation to Execution: Connecting Documents, Cost, Schedule and Risk for Better Project Outcomes.
Jordan Cannon,
Director, Europe & Africa
InEight

2:40 PM – 3:20 PM
Every project manager MUST be a leader
Ellie Courts,
Senior Manager: Enterprise Project Office
Mediclinic South Africa

ROOM 2

10:10 AM – 10:40 AM
The Start-Up as a Project: A Risk Management Framework for New Ventures
Dr. Ratoeba Piet Ntema, Senior Lecturer
Sol Plaatje University and
Mrs. Charmaine Scrimnger-Christian, Lecturer
North-West University

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM
Disruptive Innovation Strategies in Mineral Sands Processing: Leveraging Agile Project Management Methodologies for Project Acceleration Through Minimum Viable Products
Pieter Andries Huysamen
Technical & Improvements Director
Erakis Investments (Pty) Ltd
and Prof. Reinhard Wagner

11:20 AM – 11:50 AM
Artificial Intelligence in IT Project Delivery: A Scoping Review of Adoption, Outcomes, and Organisational Readiness
Vusi Sithole, Masters student
University of Pretoria

11:55 AM – 12:25 PM
Beyond the Hype: Challenges, Mitigation Strategies and Value Realisation in AI-Enabled Project Management
Prof Carl Marnewick, Professor
University of Johannesburg

LUNCH 12:25 PM - 01:20 PM

1:20 PM – 1:50 PM
The Development of a Conceptual Model to Map Stakeholder Collaboration Through Building Information Modelling (BIM) Across the Project Lifecycle
Marius Bierman, PhD Candidate
University of Pretoria

WORKSHOP

12:20 PM – 03:20 PM
WORKSHOP
Leading with Agility -
A Practical Introduction to Agile and Scrum
Facilitator: James Katumba, Facilitator, Article26

Participants will explore how self-managing teams, lean thinking, empirical process control, and clear Agile accountabilities enable organisations to respond effectively to uncertainty, and will compare traditional plan-driven approaches with value-driven delivery.

The workshop concludes with the Scrum Suitability Slider exercise, helping participants identify where Agile creates the greatest business value and where traditional approaches remain appropriate.

No prior Agile knowledge is required. Participants leave with practical insights and tools they can apply immediately within their organisations. Come curious, leave equipped.

03:50 PM – 04:20 PM **KEYNOTE** - ROOM 1

Where Do We Go From Here?

Phila Mayisela, Strategic Transversal Projects Executive, Office of the City Manager
City of Cape Town

04:20 PM – 04:40 PM **Closing Session**

04:40 PM – 05:45 PM **Project Excellence Awards Ceremony 2026**

06:00 PM – 09:00 PM **Farewell Party and Networking**