

UNILISA STUDENT LIGHTNING TALKS

DATE: 31 MARCH 2025

PLATFORM: MICROSOFT TEAMS (link to follow)

TIME: 09:00

08:30 – 09:00	ONLINE ARRIVAL	
09:00	OPENING SESSION	Session chair: Dr K McGuirk
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome and opening Prof Lorette Jacobs (Chairperson of the Department of Information Science, Unisa)	
09:05 – 09:35	<i>“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”</i> : Maximising opportunities while navigating your best possible trajectory Prof Musawenkosi Saurombe (Associate Professor, UJ)	
09:35 – 09:45	Q&A	10 minutes
09:45 – 09:50	Comfort break	5 minutes

09:50	STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION #1	Session chair: Dr LP Luthuli
09:50 – 09:55	<i>Implementation of Artificial Intelligence at academic libraries of South Africa: A case study of the University of North West Library</i> / Dankie Rhina Malapile	
09:55 – 10:00	<i>Integrating artificial intelligence tools in teaching the cataloguing and classification curricula in South African LIS schools</i> / Zibusizozami Nozibusiso Mpanza	
10:00 – 10:05	<i>AI based coffee leaf and coffee beans disease detection using image processing in Ethiopia</i> / Haymanot Taddesse	
10:05 – 10:20	Panel discussion	Panellists: Prof L Jacobs, Prof M Holmner, Dr D Mosako
10:20 – 10:35	Tea/coffee break	15 minutes



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10:35	STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION #2	Session chair: Dr P Sibiya
10:35 – 10:40	<i>Exploring how digital technologies applied to forest ecosystem governance in Tanzania can decolonise forest management / Daniel Sifael</i>	
10:40 – 10:45	<i>Integrating Internet of Things into the LIS Curriculum in South African universities to enhance the skills of future LIS professionals / Andrew Mugenyi</i>	
10:45 – 10:55	Panel discussion	Panellists: Prof Ngoepe, Prof L Dube
10:55 – 11:00	Comfort break	5 minutes

11:00	STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION #3	Session chair: Dr VN Mathope
11:00 – 11:05	<i>Examining digital information resource use and uptake in selected Harare, Zimbabwe high school libraries using mixed research methodologies / Ariel Muvhunzwi</i>	
11:05 – 11:10	<i>Open access at higher education institutions in South Africa / Mokgadi Senyolo</i>	
11:10 – 11:20	Panel discussion	Panellists: Prof NS Marutha, Dr MB Mabele
11:20 – 11:25	Comfort break	5 minutes

11:25	CLOSING SESSION	Session chair: Prof MA Dikotla
11:25 – 11:45	<i>The impact of the evolving technological landscape on library and information services</i> Dr Lesiba Ledwaba (Acting Director: Library Systems and Support Services, Unisa)	
11:45 – 12:05	<i>Evolving research methods in the Library and Information Science research: implications for a systematic review</i> Prof Bosire Onyancha (Head (Ag): Office of Graduate Studies & Research)	
12:05 – 12:15	Q&A	10 minutes
12:15 – 12:25	Closing remarks and vote of thanks / Prof NS Marutha (Department of Information Science)	



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