

Toolkit for the Future

Today's Innovators Shaping Tomorrow's Flavours Fragrances

Time	Topic	Summary	Speaker	Organisation/Background	GIBS Conference Centre
07h00 - 08h30	Registration & NETWORKING	Registration, goody bag & programme collection, team allocation, light refreshments			Foyer & Atrium
08h30 - 08h45	Welcome and Opening Address		Dr Karina Rogers	Chairperson, SAAFFI Management Committee	Auditorium
08h45-09h15	Fragrance Safety Unpacked: IFRA and the 52nd Amendment	A relevant and important conversation for SA the Flavour & Fragrance Sector	Dr Matthias Vey	VP Scientific Affairs IFRA	Auditorium
09h15-09h45	Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Green Chemistry	Lessons for the Future of Flavours and Fragrances	Dr Emmanuel Kweinor Tetteh	Green Engineering Research Group, Department of Chemical Engineering, Durban University of Technology	Auditorium
09h45 - 10h15	Embrace AI Without Losing the Human Connection.	How AI can accelerate and streamline the innovation cycle across trends, R&D, and sensory/consumer insights	Jeanine Kriek, Deborah van der Merwe Yolande Schulz	Sensory & Consumer Insights Expert, element3	Auditorium
10h15 - 10h30	Workshop Instruction				Auditorium
10h30 - 10h45	Comfort Break				
10h45 -12h00	Workshop	Hands-on, experiential exposure to AI in the Flavour & fragrance Industry!			Mookana Restaurant
12h00-12h30	Small-scale Agriculture and Entrepreneurship	The importance of these "Tools" in the SA Flavour & Fragrance Toolkit	Karen Swanepoel Irene Mkhathshwa Oniccah Nkoe	SAEOPA Castor Oil farmer Essential Oil farmer	Auditorium
12h30-13h00	SA's Economic Indicators & their impact on the F/F Industry	South Africa's economic indicators directly influence demand, costs and competitiveness in the flavours and fragrances industry, with inflation, interest rates and exchange rate volatility shaping pricing, investment and supply chain decisions in a highly import-dependent sector.	Sello Sekele	Economist, Absa	Auditorium
13h00 - 14h00	Networking Lunch				Restaurant
14h00-14h30	Fragrance Trends	What lies ahead for the fragrance industry in 2026 and beyond?	Angelina Moryama	Commercial and Marketing Director at Vollmens Fragrance, Brazil	Auditorium
14h30-15h00	Flavour Trends	How will the flavour industry evolve in 2026 and beyond?	Sunelle Roux	Senior Consumer Insights Manager for Emerging Markets at McCormick SA	Auditorium
15h00-15h45	If Africa does not shape AI, AI will shape Africa	Not only keeping up with technology, but also preserving agency; ensuring that Africa's voice , in all its diversity and richness, is embedded in the tools that will define the future.	James Maisiri	Researcher Author 3x TEDx Speaker Professional Speaker Thought Leader on AI, African Labour Markets & Culture	Auditorium
15h45-16h15	Workshop Feedback & Prizegiving				Auditorium
16h15 - 16h30	Closure		Sharon Bolel	Executive Director, SAAFFI	Auditorium
16h30 - 18h00	NETWORKING Cocktails				Restaurant
18h00 onwards	GO HOME WITH A NEW UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE FLAVOUR & FRAGRANCE INDUSTRY!				