

Time	Topic	Summary	Speaker	Organisation/Background	Food Science Building, Stellenbosch University
07h30 - 08h45	Registration & NETWORKING	Registration, goody bag & programme collection, team allocation, light refreshments			Foyer & Atrium
08h45 - 09h00	Welcome and Opening Address		Sharon Bolel	Executive Director, SAAFFI	Auditorium
09h00-09h30	Embrace AI Without Losing the Human Connection.	How AI can accelerate and streamline the innovation cycle across trends, R&D, and sensory/consumer insights	Dr Jeanine Kriek, Dr Deborah van der Merwe	Sensory & Consumer Insights Experts	Auditorium
09h30-10h00	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
10h00-10h30	Fragrance Safety Unpacked: IFRA and the 52nd Amendment	A relevant and important conversation for SA's Fragrance Sector	Dr Matthias Vey	VP Scientific Affairs, IFRA	Auditorium
10h30 - 10h45	Workshop Instruction		Dr Jeanine Kriek, Dr Deborah van der Merwe		Auditorium
10h45 - 11h00	Comfort Break				
11h00 -12h15	Workshop	Hands-on, experiential exposure to AI in the Flavour & Fragrance Industry!			TBC
12h15-12h45	Data that Directs Delivery	The BioPANZA MSME Management and Referral Tool - enables enterprise investment, drives sector development and provides an informed picture of the Southern African biotrade economy.	Amanda Nyingwa	GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation.)	Auditorium
12h45-13h15	Fragrance Trends	What lies ahead for the fragrance industry in 2026 and beyond?	Jane Grainger	SAAFFI/ESP	Auditorium
13h15 - 14h00	Networking Lunch				Boardroom
14h00-14h30	Flavour Trends	Macro Shifts Driving Food & Beverage Innovation	Verity Smith-Alberts and Marlize Boshoff	Mane	Auditorium
14h30-15h00	Can AI Taste Africa?	From Indigenous Knowledge to Industry-Ready Sensory Intelligence	Dimakatso Mary Maubane	Chirandu Botanica	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.	Dr James Maisiri	Researcher Author 3× TEDx Speaker Professional Speaker Thought Leader on AI, African Labour Markets & Culture	Auditorium
15h45-16h15	Workshop Feedback & Prizegiving				Auditorium
16h15 - 16h30	Closure				Auditorium
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