

PROGRAMME

5th Annual Limpopo Varsity Hackathon

8-10 October 2026

Polokwane

Arrival & registration		09:30
Opening and welcome	Dr K Sigama – FoICT Academic Manager and LVH 2026 Chief Executive Organiser	10:00
Purpose of day	Mr S Marebane: FoICT Academic Manager & MAISH Chief Organiser	10:05
LVH Collaboration	Mr Soganile - Lecturer-Department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences - UNIVEN	10:10
ENTERTAINMENT		10:15
Message of support from Rectors Office	Dr. WN Tshamano: TUT Polokwane Campus Rector	10:25
Smart Agriculture: Using Technology to Improve Farming Productivity and Sustainability	Prof Pius: FoICT Assistant Dean - Industry Liaison, Special Projects, and Work Integrated Learning	10:45
Educational Perspective on Learning through Hackathons	Mr MB Phurutsi: FoICT First Year Foundation Unit Manager & Chief of FoICT University Hackathon Series	11:15
Photoshoot	Ms Nosipho	11:40
LUNCH		12:00
Code of conduct	Mr Modika – FoICT Lecturer (TUT) & LVH Registrar	14:00
Group Allocation	Mr Mabetlela - FoICT Lecturer (TUT) Mr Mokgonyane – Lecture School of Mathematical and Computer Science - UL	14:10
Presentation of problem statements	Mr Kgoete - FoICT Lecturer (TUT)	14:30
Hack-away	Hackers	15:00
MID_NIGHT PITCH	MC: Pearl Modisha	
Presentations	Hackers	00:00
Hack-away	Hackers	02:00
DAY 2: HACK-AWAY		
BREAKFAST		07:00

Hack-away	Hackers	09:00
MID-DAY PITCH	MC: Molebogeng Maserame	
Opening remarks		12:00
From Ideas to Impact: Turning Agricultural Challenges into Solutions	Ms M Lesailane – Limpopo Provincial Lead – (mLab Southern Africa)	
Presentations	Hackers	12:10
LUNCH		14:00
Hack-away	Hackers	15:30
MID_NIGHT PITCH	MC: Ms Charmaine Mohlabe	
Presentations	Hackers	23:00
Hack-away	Hackers	01:00
DAY 3: HACK-AWAY		
BREAKFAST		07:00
	MC: Ms Refiloe Mthethwa	
Opening Remarks		10:00
Beyond the Hackathon: Advancing Innovation through Research and Strategic Partnerships	Dr R Raseleka: DVC: Research, Innovation & Partnerships	10:05
Message of encouragement	Prof Modipa - HOD, School of Mathematical and Computer Science - UL	10:15
Presentations	Hackers	10:20
Adjudication	Judges	12:20
Closing remarks	Dr. MN Moeti: FoICT Assistant Dean – Teaching and Learning	13:10
Group Photo	Media Team	13:20
LUNCH		13:30