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UNESCO World Teachers' Day

CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

Standing with teachers in South Africa: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures.

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026 • 12h00–15h00 • WITS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STAFF LOUNGE

TIME	LEAD / SPEAKER	PROGRAMME
12:00–12:20	Dr Dale Langsford	Piano recital & settling in
12:20–12:25	Prof. Thokozani Mathebula/ Prof. Tanya Bekker	Welcome & opening
12:30–12:40	Dr Douglas Andrews/ Dr Zaheera Jina-Asvat	Interactive Activity 1
12:40–12:50	Dr Dale Langsford / Dr Douglas Andrews	UNESCO Chair & World Teachers' Day
12:50–12:55	Dr Douglas Andrews	Selected Teacher Reflections
12:55–13:00	Dr Charles Chikunda (Project Officer for Education, UNESCO ROSA)	UNESCO's mandate for teachers and introduction of Keynote speaker
13:05–13:35	Mr. Colin Penfold (CEO of Penfold Education)	Keynote address
13:40–14:00	School principals / Jozi-my-Jozi	Teacher Voices: Schools Speak
14:00–14:10	Dr Douglas Andrews / Dr Zaheera Jina-Asvat	Interactive Activity 2
14:10–14:25	Prof. Tanya Bekker/Dr Moeniera Moosa/ Dr Zaheera Jina-Asvat/ Dr Pam Moodley/ Dr Sfiso Mahlaba/ Dr Douglas Andrews	TRC Project: Reimagining Inclusive Education in Inner City Schools
14:25–14:40	Dr Dale Langsford with 1st- and 4th-year students	Learning to Teach Together: Mentoring Experiences
14:40–14:50	Dr Douglas Andrews/ Presenters	Q&A / conversation
14:50–15:00	Prof. Thokozani Mathebula / Prof Tanya Bekker	Closing reflection & thanks

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