

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July



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**Norms and Standards Implementation Conference: Draft Programme
WITS School of Education
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MONDAY 14 JULY	
TIME	SESSION
08h30-09h00	TEA AND REGISTRATION
09h00-10h00	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribute to Michael Komape• Overview of the Conference• EE's Norms and Standards Campaign

10h00-11h30	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION ONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background into the state of school infrastructure in South Africa • What do the Norms and Standards Regulations mean? A critical analysis of the content
11h30-11h45	TEA
11h45-13h00	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION TWO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the eradication of mud schools in the Eastern Cape and provision of sanitation in Limpopo through the Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI)
13h00-14h00	LUNCH
14h00-15h15	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION THREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement and activism on infrastructure: practical steps taken and challenges faced in getting improved school infrastructure
14h15-15h30	TEA
15h30-16h30	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION FOUR (BREAKAWAY GROUPS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does civil society ensure good implementation of the Norms and Standards? • How do we organize communities in monitoring the implementation of the Norms and Standards? How do we involve teachers, learners and principals in the process? • Building awareness on the Norms and Standards: The role of community media • Avenues for litigation and protest: what remedies exist in the event of non-compliance? • Fighting victimisation and intimidation: what should be done to protect school communities when reporting on inadequate school infrastructure
16h30-17h15	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION FIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of group discussions
09h00-10h30	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION SIX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rands and Cents: The allocation and utilisation of funds in the implementation of

	<p>Norms and Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of the Norms and Standards by the Department of Basic Education
10h30-10h45	TEA
10h45-11:45	<p>SESSION SEVEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and Procurement processes: How long does it take to build a school? How does this time affect the implementation of the Norms and Standards? The role of the PFMA in alleviating challenges.
11h45-12h30	LUNCH
12h30-13h45	<p>SESSION EIGHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facing reality: Challenges faced by provinces in aligning their plans with the Norms and Standards. Challenges faced by implementing agents and contractors in completing current infrastructure projects.
13h45-14h00	TEA
14h00-14h45	<p>SESSION NINE (BREAKAWAY GROUPS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring budget expenditure: How do we ensure the N&S complies with financial frameworks? What lessons can we learn from ASIDI with regard to expenditure? Who do we lobby for information on expenditure, and how? Lessons Learnt: How do we ensure the Norms and Standards do not face the same challenges as other infrastructure challenges. How do we ensure contractors meet their deadlines and that province plans are aligned with the Norms and Standards?
14h45-15h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of group discussions and way forward