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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Theme: *Protecting people and enhancing performance through elevating PPE Standards, Practices and Technologies*

Day 1 - Tuesday 10 March 2026

Time	Topic	Speaker
07:00-08:00	Registration & welcome teas	
08:00-08:10	OSH regulations / Welcome from SFA	Leighton Bennett
08:10-08:20	Welcome from SAPEMA	Günther Verreyne
1. 08:20-09:00	Keynote: Protecting the workforce: Critical role of PPE in prevention programmes	Bulelwa Huna
2. 09:00-09:30	SAPEMA: Past, present and future	Deleane Luzzatto
3. 09:30-10:10	PPE and the law	Raynard Looch
10:10-10:45	Tea break	
4. 10:45-11:15	Diesel particulate matter and welding fume protection through PPE	Prof Cas Badenhorst
5. 11:15-11:45	A new bivariate respirator fit test panel representing black SA users in Gauteng	Dr Jeanneth Manganyi
6. 11:45-12:15	Improper PPE use: Occupational Hygiene Risks	Karen du Preez
12:15-13:15	Lunch break	
7. 13:15-13:45	Lessons learned from buying cheap PPE instead of the correct PPE	Mziwakhe Nhlapo
8. 13:45-14:15	Why bother with PPE ... on the Road to Zero Harm	Tibor Szana
9. 14:15-15:15	PPE procurement in workplace safety: An OSH professional's responsibility	Leighton Bennett
15:15-15:45	Tea break	
10. 15:45-16:15	Case study: My gripping and debilitating lesson: The high cost of neglecting PPE	Kekeletso (David) Selepe
11. 16:15-16:45	Case study: The accident on-the-job changed my life: My journey of recovery and reflection	Partington Mtatabikwa

Day 2 - Wednesday 11 March 2026

Time	Topic	Speaker
12. 08:00-08:30	Fake protection: The hidden dangers of counterfeits proliferating the market	Rani Naidoo (Dromex)
13. 08:30-09:00	Understanding local and international PPE standards: Clarity in a complex landscape	Christo Nel (uvex)
14. 09:00-09:30	Overcoming the challenges of PPE compliance in the mining industry	Cristal van Deventer (Pienaar)
09:30-10:00	Tea break	
15. 10:00-10:30	Selecting the correct protective clothing for a hazardous chemical environment	Loren Pearsen (DuPont)
16. 10:30-11:00	Safety footwear selection and foot health in the workplace	Anette Thompson
17. 11:00-11:30	Surviving the blaze: How flame resistant clothing saved the day	Wynand Englebrecht
18. 11:30-12:00	A hard hat, is a hard hat ... or is it?	JW Eggink (BBF)
12:00-13:00	Lunch break	
19. 13:00-14:00	Fall Protection	Dylan Sutherland (Protekta)
20. 14:00-14:30	Hand Protection	Rebel Safety Gear
14:30-15:00	Tea break	
21. 14:30-15:00	Eyewear	uvex Safety
22. 15:30-16:00	Hearing Protection	
16:00-16:15	Closing and thanks	Günther Verreyne



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Some of our exciting PRESENTERS



Ms Bulelwa Huna
Senior Specialist:
Occupational Health & Hygiene. MPH: Occupational Hygiene. Department of Employment and Labour
Presentation title:
The Role of PPE in Workplace Prevention Programmes



Prof Cas Badenhorst.
Associate Professor, Occupational Hygiene and Health Research Initiative (OHHRI), North West University
Presentation title:
Diesel particulate matter and welding fume protection through PPE



Dr Jeanneth Manganyi
Head: Occupational Hygiene Section, Honorary Lecturer: Wits School of Public Health National Institute for Occupational Health Division of the National Health Laboratory
Presentation title:
A new bivariate respirator fit test panel representing Black South African respirator users in Gauteng



Tibor Szana
Chief Inspector: Occupational Health and Safety (Retired.)
Presentation title:
Why bother with PPE ... on the Road to Zero Harm



Loren Pearson
Sales and Marketing Manager Chemical Industrial SSA, DuPont
Presentation title:
Selecting the correct protective clothing for a hazardous chemical environment



Mziwakhe Nhlapo
CEO of MMAT SHEC & ESG Training & Consulting Service. Past team leader NUM.
Presentation title:
Lessons learned from buying cheap PPE instead of correct PPE



Leighton Bennett
Chairman Safety First Association
Presentation title:
The OSH Practitioner's role in purchasing of PPE



Christo Nel
Managing Director RBU MAI, Uvex Safety South Africa
Presentation title:
Understanding local & international PPE standards: Clarity in a complex landscape



David Selepe
High Voltage Technician at a power utility
Presentation title:
Misuse of hand protection: A case study



Advocate Raynard Looch.
Managing Member Klass Looch Associates
Presentation title:
PPE and the law: Ignore the law at your peril



Wynand Englebrecth
CEO & Founder Fire Ops SA
Presentation title:
Surviving the blaze: How flame resistant clothing saved the day



Dr Anette Thompson
Podiatrist. *Presentation title:*
Safety footwear selection and foot health in the workplace



JW Eggink
Sector Sales Specialist BBF Safety Group.
Presentation title:
A hard hat, is a hard hat ... or is it?



Rani Naidoo
Respiratory Specialist Dromex
Presentation title:
Fake protection: The hidden dangers of counterfeits proliferating the market



Partington Mtabikwa
Motivational speaker and safety advocate.
Presentation title:
How the accident on-the-job changed my life



Karen du Preez
President of SAIOH
Presentation title:
Improper PPE use: Occupational Hygiene Risks



Deleane Luzzatto
Past Chairman SAPEMA.
Presentation title:
SAPEMA: Past Present and Future

