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HEDSA National Capacity Building Workshop

Hosted by HEDSA Western Cape 2026

Venue: College Of Cape Town

Programme

MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026	
09h00 - 09h15	Arrival: Tea & Coffee
09h15 - 09h20	Welcoming & Housekeeping <i>Ms. Signoria Koli, College of Cape Town</i>
09h20 -09h30	Overview of the Workshop Programme Programme Director: <i>Mrs. Jacqueline Lenting HEDSA Western Cape Regional Chairperson, Stellenbosch University</i>
09h30 – 09h40	Scene Setting <i>Dr. Nosiphiwo Delubom, HEDSA President, Nelson Mandela University</i>
Session 1: Capacity Building - Student Financial Aid	
09h40 – 11h20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unpacking the Disability Annexures Assistive Devices: Policy to Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility criteria for funding Matching appropriate assistive devices to specific functional impairments Overview of CAPS Step-by-step guidance on the claims process Common errors identified in institutional submissions and how to mitigate these <i>Ms. Ielhaam Tafari, NSFAS</i>
11h20 – 11h30	Comfort Break
Session 2: Capacity Building – Assistive Devices	
11h30 – 13h00	Applied Assistive Technology Demonstration of assistive technology that can be used in lectures/classroom and exam venue for various disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live demonstration of specialized assistive devices Practical use cases within teaching, learning, and assessment contexts Interactive Engagement Q&A session <i>Mr. Kyle Williams, EditMicro</i>
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch and Networking (Online WC Members to return after lunch)

Session 3: HEDSA National Feedback	
14h00 – 15h00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HEDSA National Feedback Constitution was updated (adopted 2025) Strategic Planning for HEDSA for the next 5 years Provisional Composition Structure – PR Officer, Treasurer & Student (Nominations will be sent out to Members that paid) 2. Planning for next session
CAMPUS TOUR (Facilitated by Signoria Koli)	



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Mrs. Jacqueline Lenting (Chairperson, SU); Ms Signoria Kohli (Deputy Chairperson, CCT) Ms. Zeena Spannenber (Secretary, UWC)

HEDSA National Executive Committee

Dr. Nosiphiwo Delubom (President, NMU); Dr. Leila Abdool Gafoor (Deputy President, Wits); Ms. Charity Morrison (General Secretary, UFS); Mr Phiyayinkosi Mjadu (Treasurer, UniZulu); Dr. Maria Ramaahlo (Publicity & Communications Officer, UJ); Mr. Nceba Nyanda (Co-opted member, Lovedale TVET College)