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THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL
INVITES YOU AT ITS

4TH INTERNATIONALISATION SUMMIT & PARTNER WEEK 2026

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INTERNATIONALISATION FOR IMPACT



26-30
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SUMMIT VISION

The UKZN Internationalisation & Partner Summit convenes universities, funders, industry, government, and communities to advance an internationalisation agenda rooted in equity, reciprocity, and societal impact. The summit positions UKZN as a premier hub of African scholarship, strengthening partnerships that translate knowledge into opportunity, innovation, and inclusive development.



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INSPIRING GREATNESS



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

Positioning UKZN within the shifting geopolitics of knowledge

Participants: University leaders, embassies, funders, senior university leadership

- ⊙ Strategic alignment of partnership priorities
- ⊙ Investment in research chairs, mobility, and capacity building
- ⊙ Strengthening South–South and South–North collaboration

Outputs: Partnership compacts, funding roadmaps, joint strategic statements

PARTNERSHIP LAB

From MoUs to Meaningful Outcomes

Participants: Partner universities, researchers, project leads, teaching and learning specialists

- ⊙ Co-design of joint degrees, shared curricula, and research programmes
- ⊙ Integration of Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) to internationalise the curriculum at home
- ⊙ Development of consortium funding proposals and multi-institutional projects
- ⊙ Mobility models centred on reciprocity, inclusion, and blended exchange
- ⊙ Alignment of quality assurance, credit recognition, and co-supervision frameworks

Outputs: Draft proposals, COIL implementation plans, governance frameworks, and inclusive mobility pathways

STUDENT VOICE FORUM

Equity, belonging, and graduate futures

Participants: Students, alumni, practitioners, policymakers

- ⊙ Lived experiences informing policy renewal
- ⊙ Inclusive mobility and student support models
- ⊙ Graduate employability and global citizenship

Outputs: Student-led policy brief, recommendations for responsive internationalisation

4. INNOVATION & INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE

Linking internationalisation to employability and entrepreneurship
Participants: Industry, municipalities, chambers, innovation hubs

- ⊙ Applied research partnerships
- ⊙ Entrepreneurship and skills for the future
- ⊙ Community-engaged knowledge exchange

Outputs: Industry collaboration plans, internship and incubation frameworks

PRE-SUMMIT WORKSHOP (HALF-DAY)

Partnership Lab: From Ideas to Fundable Projects

- ⊙ Matchmaking for research and mobility consortia
- ⊙ Funder briefings and priority mapping
- ⊙ Proposal co-creation clinics

Outcomes: Pipeline of fundable projects and multi-disciplinary collaborations

OVERALL, SUMMIT OUTCOMES

- ⊙ New research and funding consortia
- ⊙ Inclusive student mobility frameworks
- ⊙ Industry and community partnership agreements
- ⊙ Strengthened the positioning of UKZN as a leader in African-centred internationalisation

CONTRIBUTION FORMATS

- ⊙ Keynote or Featured Address – 30–45 minutes
- ⊙ Panel Participation – 45– 60-minute moderated dialogue
- ⊙ Practice Showcase – 10-minute case presentation
- ⊙ Workshop Facilitation – 90-minute interactive session
- ⊙ Session Chair / Discussant

WHO SHOULD ATTEND/PARTICIPATE

- ⊙ University leaders and internationalisation practitioners
- ⊙ Research funders and development partners
- ⊙ Industry, municipalities, and chambers of commerce
- ⊙ Scholars in international education and decolonial studies
- ⊙ Students and alumni voices
- ⊙ Policy specialists and mobility coordinators

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The summit seeks to build an internationalisation movement that is ethically grounded, socially responsive, and impact-driven. UKZN welcomes partners ready to renew relationships, reconnect knowledge communities, and reimagine global engagement.

Enquiries : Partnerships@ukzn.ac.za;

USEFUL INFORMATION

ABOUT DURBAN

Durban forms part of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality and has a population of about 3.9 million. It is located on the east coast of South Africa and is well known for being one of the busiest ports in the country. It is also seen as a major centre of tourism, is the second most important manufacturing hub in South Africa and is located in a global biodiversity 'hotspot', thus enjoying a high level of plant and animal diversity. Durban is known for its stunning beaches, rich cultural heritage, subtropical coastal climate, its variety of restaurants and many sporting facilities.

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION IN DURBAN

Beach front hotels (*beachfront hotels are 15 minutes away from the campus – easy access to tourism spots*)

- ⊙ Blue waters hotel: <https://www.bluewatershotel.co.za/>
- ⊙ Garden Court: Marine Parade : <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-marine-parade;>
- ⊙ Belaire suite hotel : <https://www.belairesuites.co.za/>

Umhlanga Hotels : *(Umhlanga is 30 minutes away from the campus, it has heavy traffic; it's a good tourists spot in terms of upmarket dining and shopping)*

- ⦿ Coastlands Umhlanga : <https://www.coastlands.co.za/umhlanga/>
- ⦿ Coastlands Skye Hotel <https://www.coastlands.co.za/skye-hotel/>
- ⦿ AHA Gateway Hotel: https://www.thegatewayhotel.co.za/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=17450606150&gbraid=0AAAAAouBuBFh_Pa6g-FSM_sjWyHyepjjh&gclid=Cj0KCQiAvtzLBhCPARIsALwhxdp6pMlxUO-33ESRSziwZZEk3CUaznlpfa4Plz5Fq6KNw4Aw7nPe6loaAqlyEALw_wcB;

Mode of transport: e- Hailing - Uber

THINGS TO DO IN DURBAN

Durban Tourism: <https://visitdurban.travel/tour/ricksha-bus-city-tour>