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THE 20TH ANNUAL LITASA CONFERENCE

"Amazwi Ethu - Our Voices"



10 - 12 OCTOBER 2025



WESTVILLE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL  
DURBAN, KWAZULU NATAL

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CLOSING DATE: 30 APRIL 2025

If you wish to submit an abstract, visit

[www.litasa.org.za/conference](http://www.litasa.org.za/conference)

## FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### *"Amazwi Ethu - Our Voices"*

Abstracts are invited for the 20th Annual LITASA conference which will take place in Durban, KwaZulu Natal from 10 - 12 October 2025.

Literacy is not a single voice but a chorus of voices sharing experiences, perspectives, and practices. Across South Africa, literacy takes place in homes, schools, universities and colleges, research institutions, NGOs, libraries, workplaces, and community spaces. It is heard in the voices of children discovering the joy of reading, in the knowledge shared by elders, in the stories passed down through generations, and in the innovations of educators and researchers. It includes those who are literate and those who are still finding their way into literacy.

The *Amazwi Ethu - Our Voices* conference invites submissions that explore diverse voices in literacy: the ways in which literacy is taught, learned, and practiced in formal and informal settings, and how different literacy traditions and innovations intersect. How do we ensure that every voice is heard? How do we make sure that access to literacy enables participation in society? How do we bridge the gaps between different literacy spaces, from classrooms to communities, from research to practice? We seek contributions that highlight the role of educational institutions, researchers, families, book clubs, libraries, publishers, and community organisations in shaping the literacy landscape.

This conference aims to bring together, amongst others, educators, researchers, policymakers, storytellers, and community members to share insights, research, and best practices in literacy development. We welcome discussions on multilingual literacy, intergenerational learning, digital and print literacy, and inclusive approaches that recognise the richness of South Africa's linguistic and cultural diversity.



## *"Amazwi Ethu - Our Voices"*

### **Subthemes to be considered:**

- Multiple voices in literacy – families, communities, and intergenerational learning
- Building formal and informal literacy spaces
- Oral traditions and storytelling
- Multilingual literacy spaces
- Technology and literacy access
- Decolonising literacy
- Publishing for literacy development
- Children as literacy participants and creators
- Literacy for social change

### **Presentations can take the form of:**

- Individual papers and snapshots of practice (20 minutes & 10 minutes for discussion)
- Colloquia/Panel Discussions (1 hour, 3-5 speakers)
- Practical Workshops (1 hour)
- Snapshots (20 minutes and 10 minutes for discussion)
- Poster presentation On display throughout the conference
- Voice-over PowerPoint Presentation - to be screened at the conference and included in the programme (15-20 minutes)

Please submit your abstract by completing the abstract submission form on the conference page on LITASA's website. Note that there is a limit of 250 words for abstracts. The title of your submission should not exceed 15 words.

The closing date for abstract submission is 30 April 2025. Submissions will be evaluated by the abstract committee and you will be notified about the outcome of your submission on or by 17 June 2025.

**Abstract submission: Closing date 30 April 2025 at [www.litasa.org.za/conference](http://www.litasa.org.za/conference)**

**Join us as we listen, share, and collaborate to strengthen literacy for all.**



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Details on the various presentation formats can be found below. Abstracts will be adjudicated according to the described criteria below.

### **Individual papers 20 minutes and 10 minutes for discussion**

One or more presenters demonstrate the link between their specific research and the broader concerns of the conference, indicating the gap that their research fills in the current literature. Clear evidence of the link between the presentation content and the conference theme is required. Furthermore, explicit mention of research design (such as experimental design, conceptual/theoretical design, or literature review) and research methodology is necessary.

### **Colloquia 60 minutes**

These sessions are high-level conversations, similar to panel discussions, which accommodate three to five speakers. The connection between the conference theme and the colloquium content should be made clear in the abstract. The target audience of the workshop (for example, literacy coaches, researchers, teachers) also should be clearly stated.

### **Workshops 60 minutes**

Workshops can be facilitated by one or more people. They often are practical in nature, intending to help attendees develop a skill or take an in-depth look at a particular phenomenon. The connection between the presentation content and the conference theme should be clear in the abstract. Outcomes for the workshop also should be included in the abstract. The target audience of the workshop (for example, teachers, ECD practitioners, postgraduate students) should be clearly stated.

### **Snapshots 20 minutes and 10 minutes for discussion**

These are presentations that depict what is happening in classrooms or community projects, with a clear link to the conference theme. No research is required – these presentations share best practice and/or lessons learned. Snapshots are ideal for teachers, NGO representatives and community organisations to get involved in the conference.

### **Poster presentation On display throughout the conference**

In this type of presentation, research information is presented in a visual format. The researcher is available to discuss the content of the poster with conference delegates individually. Clear evidence of the link between the presentation content and the conference theme is required. Research design and methodology should be made explicit.

### **Voice-over PowerPoint Presentation To be screened at the conference and included in the programme (15-20 minutes)**

Presentations will be adjudicated based on set criteria and must clearly link to the conference theme, with research design and methodology explicitly outlined. The presentation will also be uploaded on the LITASA website and YouTube.





## EXHIBITOR PACKAGES

The annual LITASA conference is the premier platform for those working in the literacy sector to connect, share knowledge and learn from each other. LITASA is delighted to offer the following exhibitor packages for the 2023 conference.

### GOLD PACKAGE - R 28 000

- Inclusion of promotional items in the conference bags & Logo in the programme.
- Exhibition stand (2 tables, 3 representatives.)
- 1 x 30 minute presentation slot to promote or demonstrate your products / services, which will also be featured on LITASA's YouTube channel and social media platforms for extended reach and engagement.
- Advertising on LITASA's social media platforms for 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after the conference.
- Social media coverage during conference (2 x reels, 1 daily story / post)
- 1 x pull up banner in plenary venue throughout conference.
- Inclusion of logo in advertisement of pre - conference activities.
- Inclusion of logo and link to website on conference website page and prospectus.

### SILVER PACKAGE - R 14 000

- Inclusion of promotional items in the conference bags & Logo in the programme.
- Exhibition stand (2 tables, 2 representatives.)
- Advertising on LITASA's social media platforms for 1 week before and 1 week after conference.
- Social media coverage during conference (1 x reel, 1 daily story / post.)
- Inclusion of logo and link to website on conference website page and prospectus.

### INSTITUTIONAL - R 8 000

- Inclusion of promotional items in the conference bags & Logo in the programme.
- Exhibition stand (1 tables, 1 representative.)
- Advertising on LITASA's social media platforms for 1 week before/after conference.
- Social media coverage during conference (2 x posts.)
- Inclusion of logo and link to website on conference website page and prospectus.
- A 15-minute presentation on your institution's services and the courses it offers.

### GENERAL - R 5 000

- Inclusion of promotional items in the conference bags & Logo in the programme.
- Exhibition stand (1 table, 1 representative.)
- Social media coverage during conference (1 post.)
- Inclusion of logo and link to website on conference website page and prospectus

