

NATIONAL SCIENCE MONTH 2026

Highlights National Programme

29 June – 5 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Date and time of activity	Planned Activity	Focus/Topic	Institution	Coverage
29 June (08:10)	Radio interview on VUT FM (Campus Radio)	Breakfast Show featuring Dr Kgomotso Mtshatsheni (PhD in Chemistry) from VUT Department of Chemistry	VUT	Vaal, Gauteng
30 June (14:05)	Radio interview on VUT FM (Campus Radio)	Lunchtime Show, Dr Abdul Feroz Maluleke from TUT on educational technology and AI.	VUT	Vaal, Gauteng
1 July (10:30)	Radio interview on VUT FM (Campus Radio)	Mid-morning Show Dr Mseteka from TUT on ethical use of AI in higher education.	VUT	Vaal, Gauteng
1 July (09:00 – 14:00)	Outreach Drive & Activation	Activation and popularising at Thabong Shopping Centre (Sebokeng) and Palm Springs Shopping Centre (Orange Farm) of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women Dialogue @ VUT Science Park • Stargazing Launch event venue at Sebokeng	Vaal University of Technology Dr Nkele Baloyi 081 402 6148 nkeleb@vut.ac.za	Sebokeng and Orange Farm, Gauteng
1 Jul 21:30	Ikwekwezi FM	Deputy Minister DSTI. The importance of making science technology and innovation accessible to everyone	Veronica DSTI Coms	Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpop, Limpopo parts of the North West province
2 July (09:00 – 14:00)	Outreach Drive & Activation	Activation and popularising at Evaton Mall	Vaal University of Technology Dr Nkele Baloyi 081 402 6148 nkeleb@vut.ac.za	Evaton, Gauteng

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2 July (14:00 – 15:00)	Webinar on Zoom and streamed live on Facebook/YouTube/X	<p>Detecting & managing cyberbullying Dr Fani Radebe UJ Cyber bullying in South Africa: empowering Parents and Children</p> 		National
2 July (11:00 – 12:00)	Public Lecture	<p>Topic: “Heavy-ion accelerator complex at FLNR, JINR – recent results. Possibilities for a collaboration for students and researchers”. Dr G. Kaminski (<i>Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, JINR, Dubna, Russia</i>)</p>	<p>University of Johannesburg Prof Simon Connell si@mykonos.org.za</p>	UJ, Gauteng
2 July (14:30 – 15:00)	Radio interview on Phalaphala FM (SABC Radio)	<p>Stanley Liphadzi is the Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Executive in the Water Research Commission (WRC) and the Adjunct Professor at the University of Venda. “The role of Technology and Innovation in improving water and sanitation services”</p>	<p>Water Research Commission Dr. Stanley Liphadzi stanleyl@wrc.org.za</p>	National
2 July (09:00 – 12:00)	Dialogue – roundtable discussion	<p>Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) in STEM: This engagement is a capacity-building initiative led with key partners to strengthen understanding of STEM Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), focusing on developing a vision rooted in African higher education while contributing to global academic discourse.</p>	<p>Water Sisulu University, University of Sussex, DHET, Nelson Mandela University</p>	Eastern Cape
3 July (14:00 – 16:00)	Women Dialogue	<p>Theme: Beyond Hidden Figures – To Global Impact for a Limitless Future</p>	<p>Vaal University of Technology Dr Kgomotso Mtshatsheni kgomotsom@vut.ac.za</p>	VUT Sebokeng, Gauteng
	Stargazing and Astronomy Lecture	<p>Theme: Exploring the Universe: From Our Backyard to the Stars. Public Lecture followed by Outdoor Stargazing Prof Thebe Medupe, North-West University</p>	<p>VUT and SAASTA Dr Nkele Baloyi 081 402 6148 Vhutshilo Nekhwalivha V.Nekhwalivha@saasta.nrf.ac.za</p>	<p>VUT Sebokeng, Gauteng Venue: VUT Southern Gauteng Science & Technology Park, Sebokeng (confirm)</p>

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4 July (07:00 – 17:00)	National Science Month Launch event	National Launch Event at VUT Southern Gauteng Science and Technology Park, Sebokeng - (Vaal) Note: DSTI attribution & contact belong in the Institution column	Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DST&I) Dr Livhuwani Masevhe Livhuwani.Masevhe@dsti.gov.za	Gauteng and National
4 July (14:00 – 15:30)	Workshop	Intellectual Property Management Workshop, featuring NIPMO, CIPC, and VUT TTO	Vaal University of Technology Robert Malatsi robertm1@vut.ac.za	Gauteng Exact venue: TBC – VUT (R. Malatsi)
1 – 5 July	Multiple online platforms engagement	Public knowledge/ interest/priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet and communication technologies • Advanced technologies e.g. robots 	HSRC	National
1–30 July 2026 (HSRC, National)	Radio interviews, Multiple social media platforms	The impact that AI has on learner performance and development?	HSRC Krish Chetty; kchetty@hsrc.ac.za Nothando Ntshayintshayi nntshayintshayi@hsrc.ac.za	National
	Facebook streaming	Discussion on the legislative framework regulating the use of technology amongst the youth Livestream link: TBC		National
Proposed date: TBC – UP	Media interviews	Navigating the transitioning into the new technological work – matching academic training for smooth transition?	UP Contact: TBC – UP	National
Proposed date: TBC – Rhodes	Webinar	What does lifelong learning in technology mean beyond the academic qualification? Link: TBC – Rhodes	Rhodes University Contact: TBC – Rhodes	National
	Public opinion survey, webinar series, youth podcast discussing AI experiences	Is AI helping or potentially undermining lifelong learning? More info: TBC – WSU	WSU Contact: TBC – WSU	National

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	Webinar	Classroom of the future: Are we on track? Remote learning Link: TBC — UCT/TUT	UCT, TUT	National
	Workshop	Educators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical AI workshop • AI ethics seminar • School leadership dialogue Participation (open/selected?) & more info: TBC — UNISA/TUT	UNISA, TUT	Gauteng
	Short videos, science museum pop-ups, public lecture series	Technology and Innovation that transformed the world More info: TBC — CUT	CUT	National
	Panel discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking technology demonstrations • Service delivery innovation dialogue • Panel discussion with banks and Home Affairs representatives 	UNISA	Gauteng
	Radio interviews	How access to smart phones affect quality of families and relationships?	UCT	National
	Bootcamp	2026 African Girls Can Code Initiative: Scratch programming, Introduction to Next Generation technologies, AI Activities, Machine learning activities	DSTI, DHET, UN-Women	Free State
21 July (10:00-14:00)	Symposium	Breaking down artificial intelligence using plain language and real-life examples.	NMU, UFH and SAIEB	Eastern Cape

6 – 10 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE IN HUMAN HEALTH

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6 – 10 July (07:00 – 17:00)	Conference	South African Institute of Physics (SAIP) Annual Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted by University of the Western Cape, Bellville – Cape Town 	SAIP Ndanganeni Mahani ndanganeni.mahani@saip.org.za	Western Cape
6 July 21:30	Radio Interview Munghana Lonene FM (SABC Radio)	Julia Nkuna Occupation: Registered Clinical Dietitian Focus : Human Nutrition (pediatrics,internal medicine and surgery including community Nutrition)	Department of Health Julia Nkuna	National
6 July (09:00 – 17:00)	Road-to-60 Community science Week	Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Interactive stations featuring 3D printing demonstrations for school learners (Sebokeng Science Park)</i> The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Interactive radio talks; presented by guest lecturers.</i> Science activation at a high school	Vaal University of Technology: Led by VUT FM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: 0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za	Vaal Gauteng
7 July	Road-to-60 Community science Week	Science to the Streets	Vaal University of Technology: Led by VUT FM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: 0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za	Vaal Gauteng

8 July	Road-to-60 Community science Week	Green Vaal Community Clean Up	Vaal University of Technology: Led by VUT FM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and • The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: 0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za	Vaal Gauteng
9 July	Road-to-60 Community science Week	Science in 60 Competition	Vaal University of Technology: Led by VUT FM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and • The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: 0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za	Vaal Gauteng
10 July	Road-to-60 Community science Week	Campus outside broadcast and finale	Vaal University of Technology: Led by VUT FM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and • The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: 0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za	Vaal Gauteng
6 July (09:00 – 15:00)	Public Libraries Engagements	iThemba LABS activities at the Public Libraries (Cape Town): Nuclear Medicine Department — Bellville 6 Jul Bellville; 7 Jul Kuilsriver; 8 Jul Central (09:00–15:00)	iThemba LABS Hilton Tobias htobias@tlabs.ac.za A Yaga AM.Yaga@ilabs.nrf.ac.za	Western Cape

7 July		Sub-atomic Physics Department — Kuilsrivier	iThemba LABS Hilton Tobias htobias@tlabs.ac.za A Yaga AM.Yaga@ilabs.nrf.ac.za	WC
8 July		Material Science Department — Central – Cape Town	iThemba LABS Hilton Tobias htobias@tlabs.ac.za A Yaga AM.Yaga@ilabs.nrf.ac.za	WC
8 July (09:00 – 16:00)	SARAO Open Day MeerKAT SKA Site	Open Day for the MeerKAT radio telescope and SKA site visit at Sassa Hall, Carnarvon (Corner of Burger Street and Lang Street) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>aimed at allowing members of the public to visit the MeerKAT radio telescope and other instruments that are hosted on the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) site.</i> 	NRF/SARAO: events@sarao.ac.za	Northern Cape Carnarvon
8 July (17:00)	A Public-Private Partnership Model for Science and Innovation Public Lecture	South Africa's inaugural national gathering on science, technology, and innovation policy — convening government, academia, and industry to forge a new university model for the African century. Venue: Emperors Palace Convention Centre	Mail & Guardian ST&I Public-Private Partnership	Gauteng, Kempton Park
9 July (14:30 – 15:00)	Radio interview on Phalaphala FM (SABC Radio)	Space Technology and Innovation: by the South African National Space Agency (SANSA)	SANSA Dan Matsapola dmatsapola@sansa.org.za 084 548 7176	National (Limpopo, Gauteng)
9 July (09:00 – 14:00)	Space Science Exhibition, <i>Hermanus</i>	Space Technology and Innovation: by the South African National Space Agency (SANSA)	SANSA Thandile Vuntu tvuntu@sansa.org.za 082 597 1590	Hermanus Library Overstrand
11 July (14:30 – 15:00)	Public Outreach - <i>UWC Life Science Building</i>	Science in the Home: SAIP – iThemba LABS outreach programme at the University of the Western Cape (UWC)	iThemba LABS Hilton Tobias htobias@tlabs.ac.za	Bellville, Western Cape
14 July (10:00 – 15:00)	Public lecture	How can scientific innovations and evidence-based interventions reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases in South Africa	Department of Health Ms Mkhupha	Qhitsi Village, Eastern Cape

11 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

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11 July (Time TBC)	Social Media Campaign	Environmental awareness (marine, research NMU Summerstrand South Campus (Gqeberha) Campaign / social media: https://www.saasta.ac.za/national-science-month/	Nelson Mandela University Prof Adams, Janine Janine.Adams@mandela.ac.za	Eastern Cape (National)
11 July (Time TBC)	Webinar / online seminar <i>Habitat Improvement Seminar:</i>	Insights from Colombia: Collaborative research seminar focusing on habitat improvement, urban resilience, and coastal settlement development.	Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)	National
12 July	Hydro-Climatic Workshops	The e-Participation and Policy Modelling Platform for South Africa (ePPMOSA) Municipalities Workshop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial workshops Addressing the Siloed Approach in the Hydro-Climatic Spectrum 	Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) eparticipation@hsrc.ac.za	
14 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Dr Pondo-Cotiyane "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Limpopo — Vusumzi Landu Hall
15 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Dr Pondo-Cotiyane "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Mpumalanga — Hankey
16 July Time: TBC — SAEON	Guided Coastal Walk & rocky shore/ Sandy beaches experience	Guided coastal walk exploring rocky-shore and sandy-beach ecosystems.	SAEON · Godfrey Padare "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	KwaZulu-Natal — Patensie
14 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity. "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	SAEON	KwaZulu-Natal — Dan Sandi Hall

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30 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · SAEON research team "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Mpumalanga — Ritchie Community Hall
23 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Dr A Swemmer "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Gauteng
15 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Dr L Swemmer "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape
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				Special School
8 & 9 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Siphiwe Mfeka "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Gauteng — Witbank High School
10, 11 & 12 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Mkholo Maseko "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — Morgenzon Landbou Akademie
July (date TBC)	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Mkholo Maseko "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — Plettenberg Bay
15 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Siphiwe Mfeka "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — Plettenberg Bay

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16 July	Community Engagement	SAEON community engagement on long-term environmental observation and biodiversity.	SAEON · Aaniyah Martin, Prof Craig Sheridan, Caitlin Ransom, Mamere Molepo, Toka Moskidi, Dr Ramontsheng Rapolaki, Mr Odwa Mtati, Fhumulani Ramukhwatho, Kogie Govender	Western Cape — Iziko Museum

12 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE IN SERVICE DELIVERY

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12 July	Hydro-Climatic Workshops – <i>for Municipalities officials</i>	Municipal service delivery innovation: The e-Participation and Policy Modelling Platform for South Africa (ePPMOSA) Municipalities Workshop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial workshops Addressing the Siloed Approach in the Hydro-Climatic Spectrum 	Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) eparticipation@hsrc.ac.za	National
12 July	Science Communication Workshop	SKA SARAQ Science communication Workshop: Featuring: SKA, SARAQ, CSIRO Australia	SKA / SARAQ "Milisa Kentane" <mkentane@sarao.ac.za>	
17 July	Beach and river cleanup	River and beach cleanup at Bizana raising awareness about section 24 Rights and the responsibility that comes with it.	Pondoland Pride, Department of water and sanitation	Eastern Cape
08 August 09:30 -14:00	Disaster Risk Science As a career option	Learner Career Guidance on Disaster Risk Science <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Disaster Risk Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background on disaster risk science • Practical activity: mapping the risk profile of the community 2. Career Guidance in Disaster Risk Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link up with institutions on disaster risk science • Pamphlets on disaster risk science and application processes 	Dr Phindile Sabela-Rikhotso phindile.sabela-rikhotso@uct.ac.za	Limpopo (Tzaneen Country Lodge)

13 – 17 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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13 – 16 July (Time TBC)	Webinar (Educational)	Webinar covering Astronomy Education and Awareness	SKA / SARAO Milisa Kentane mkentane@sarao.ac.za 064 756 0260 Dr Adrian Tiplady atiplady@sarao.ac.za	National
13 – 16 July (Time TBC)	Dialogue – roundtable discussion	Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) in STEM: This engagement is a capacity-building initiative led with key partners to strengthen understanding of STEM Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), focusing on developing a vision rooted in African higher education while contributing to global academic discourse.	Water Sisulu University, University of Sussex, DHET, Nelson Mandela University	Eastern Cape
13 – 17 July (Time TBC)	VUT Winter School This will happen at VUT main campus	Road To 60 Future Scientists Winter School <u>Five-day learner journey:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1: Dream • Day 2: Discover • Day 3: Create • Day 4: Solve • Day 5: Become The above programme will run parallel the revision classes (selected schools) on Gr 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths and Science to be run by the Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences. • Additionally, the Faculty of Engineering and Technology will host an online exhibition of the Faculty equipment. 	Vaal University of Technology: Led by VUT FM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and • The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: 0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za	Gauteng, Vaal
14 July (18:00)	Public Dialogue	Public Dialogue on Climate Change	iThemba LABS (AMS Facility) & African Climate Alliance Hilton Tobias htobias@tlabs.ac.za	Western Cape
15 or 20 July	Dialogue: Climate change – <i>Weather Interpretation for Agricultural production and pesticides</i>	Dialogue between farmers and scientists on climate change impacts, focusing on weather interpretation, water management, and pesticide use, to promote informed decisions and adoption of climate-smart, sustainable farming practices that enhance productivity and resilience. In person – venue TBC	ASSAf & SAWS – Michael Mengistu michael.mengistu@weathersa.co.za & Katlego Ncongwane Katlego.Ncongwane@weathersa.co.za Phillip Modiba	TBC

16 July (18:00)	NSTF Awards 2026	Science Oscars of South Africa – NSTF-South32 Awards The NSTF Awards 2026 recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to science, engineering, technology, and innovation in South Africa, highlighting excellence across research, innovation, science communication, and capacity development.	National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) Mankwe Mojapelo mmojapelo@nstf.org.za	Gauteng Western Cape
13 – 17 July (Time TBC) Proposed date: TBA — ASSAf	Webinar	AI Lekgotla: AI in education Link: TBC — ASSAf	ASSAf	National
13 – 17 July	SAIP Public Outreach – Science in the home	Girls in STEM Community Engagement -Public Dialogue & Career Exhibition — iThemba LABS & AOC Group — St Cyprians Interaction with Matrics — CURRO -DELFT — (Hybrid) Local Primary Schools	iThemba LABS Hilton Tobias htobias@tlabs.ac.za	Western Cape
17 July (Time TBC)	Nutrition and Health Education (Mandela Day) Wisane Old Age Home and Hospice	To raise awareness about healthy eating habits, disease prevention, and lifestyle choices that support physical and mental health, while fostering community engagement, dignity, and care for older persons. Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Yvonne Maphosa, University of Johannesburg • Dr Maurine Musie, SAYAS and University of Pretoria 	Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)	Gauteng, (In-person engagement)
17 July (Time TBC)	Community Engagement -Public Dialogue & Career Exhibition	Primary Schools Engagement (Pi & Periodic Table of Elements Competition)	Simanyene High School, Strand 021 845 4280 petergagu@telkomsa.net	Western Cape
20 – 24 July	SAIP Public Outreach – Science in the home	Combined School Exhibition — iThemba LABS 4 x Radio Interviews on Radio Eersterivier-Themes to be Covered: Langa High School	iThemba LABS Hilton Tobias htobias@tlabs.ac.za	Western Cape
27–28 July	Educator Workshop	SAEON educator capacity-building workshop on environmental science.	SAEON · Mkholo Maseko "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	KwaZulu-Natal — Mabasa
27–28 July	Educator Workshop	SAEON educator capacity-building workshop on environmental science.	SAEON · Siphiwe Mfeka "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Mpumalanga — Mseleni Primary &

				Mzila Primary
20-24 July	Educator workshop	SAIP: Science Educators workshop	ECDOE	Eastern Cape (ANSSC)

17 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE JOURNALISM DAY

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18 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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18 July	Honey Adulteration Webinar	Food safety & rights	ASSAf Food Safety Forum	National

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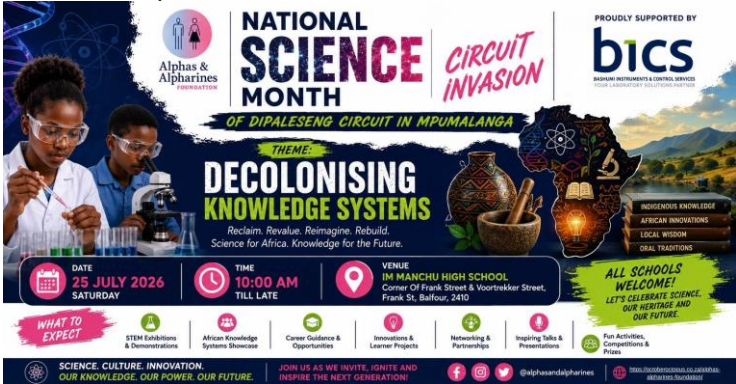
BLOCK THEME: CLIMATE CHANGE

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15 or 20 July 2026	Dialogue	Farmer – Scientist Dialogue: Climate change – Weather Interpretation for Agricultural production and pesticides	ASSAf — with SAWS (Michael Mengistu, Katlego Ncogwane) & SeedlinkZA (Phillip Modiba)	
	Radio call in discussion	What exactly is climate change?	SA Weather Services Segale Motseto Segale.Motseto@weathersa.co.za	Gauteng
	Workshop, dialogue, webinar	Factoring climate change in the planning processes - Looking at the extent to which it is currently taking place	NWU Dr. Niké Wesch 018 299 4879 Nike.Wesch@nwu.ac.za	North West
	New article	Some of the most eye-opening research findings on climate change in South Africa	CSIR Dr Brian Mantlana bmantlana@csir.co.za	National
	Multiple online platforms	Public knowledge, concerns and interests regarding climate change, floods, droughts and water shortages	HSRC Fhulufhelo Tshililo ftshililo@hsrc.ac.za	National
20 – 22 July	Road to 60 Legacy week	<p>Theme: Celebrating 60 Years of Innovation.</p> <p>Building Momentum Towards the Future. The Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences will run Career Guidance workshops with school learners on “What science does” awareness talks.</p>	<p>Vaal University of Technology:</p> <p>Led by VUT FM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and • The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: <p>0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za</p>	Gauteng
23 July	VUT 60 Jubilee Celebration	<p>VUT60 Jubilee: Ongoing Commemorations</p> <p>Theme: Celebrating Our Legacy. Shaping Our Future.</p> <p>Morning: • SABC Morning Live • Science laboratory unveiling • Leadership interviews • Research showcases — Midday: • Campus celebration • Student performances • Innovation displays • Alumni homecoming — Evening: Jubilee Gala Dinner</p>	<p>Vaal University of Technology:</p> <p>Led by VUT FM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences: and • The Faculty of Engineering and Technology: <p>0169506791 info@vutfm.co.za</p>	Gauteng

23 – 24 July (09:00 – 22:00)	Science Communication and Tourism Training	Astro-Tourism Training Programme at Kwalata Game Lodge Workshop / masterclass	SARAO, Rhodes University RATT Milisa Kentane mkentane@sarao.ac.za 064 756 0260	Gauteng
TBC	Radio interview	The role of plants in the mitigation against climate change and the importance of preserving our indigenous plants and trees as part of climate change mitigation.	Dr Z Adams, iYunivesity Walter Sisulu	Eastern Cape

26 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: DECOLONISING KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

Date and time of activity	Planned Activity	Focus/Topic	Institution	Coverage
25 July	Dipaleseng Circuit Invasion STEM exhibition	<p>Decolonising knowledge systems</p> <p>science, innovation, and indigenous knowledge through exciting STEM exhibitions, career guidance, interactive demonstrations, learner competitions</p> 	<p>Apha & Alphasines Foundation</p> <p>info.aaf@octoberoctopus.co.za</p>	Mpumalanga
26 July	Multiple online platforms	Public attitudes towards traditional knowledge	<p>Multiple online platforms</p> <p>Institution: TBC</p>	National

25 - 31 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SPACE SCIENCE AND ASTRONOMY

Date and time of activity	Planned Activity	Focus/Topic	Institution	Coverage
25 July	Workshop	Astro-tourism science communication	SARAO, Rhodes University – RATT	Western Cape
	Open day	MeerKAT and SKA	SARAO "Milisa Kentane" <mkentane@sarao.ac.za>	Northern Cape
	Online campaign	Public awareness of SKA/MeerKAT – featuring engineers and engineering capacity	SARAO "Milisa Kentane" <mkentane@sarao.ac.za>	National
	School outreach	Holiday Dome Programme	Wits University	Gauteng
	Launch event	SANSA Decision Support Tools launch	SANSA Dan Matsapola dmatsapola@sansa.org.za 084 548 7176	Gauteng Venue: Tshwane Metro, Gauteng
27 - 31 July	Space Science Outreach	Space The Moon, Planets and Our Solar System Week in different provinces @ 27 – 31 July per site: Limpopo Space Week — Capricorn — Limpopo Mahikeng Space Week — Ngaka Modiri Molema — North West KwaZulu Natal Space Week — eThekweni Metro — KwaZulu Natal Gauteng Space Week — Joburg Metro — Gauteng Fezile Dabi Space Week — Fezile Dabi — Free State Pixley ka Seme Space Week — Pixley ka Seme — Northern Cape Sarah Baartman Space Week — Sarah Baartman — Eastern Cape Cape Town Metro Space Week — Cape Town Metro — Western Cape	SANSA Dan Matsapola dmatsapola@sansa.org.za 084 548 7176	National
TBC	Star Gazing	The Moon, Planets and Our Solar System	North west university ,Pro Thebe Medupe	Eastern Cape ANSSC
7,14,16,21,23 July	SAAO Night Tours	Private Night tour & Star gazing	SAAO, Observatory Rd, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925 cptbookings@sao.ac.za	Western Cape

11 and 25 July 20h00 - 22h00	SAAO Open Night	Presentation on astronomy or a related field of science, followed by a guided tour of the Observatory's rich history	SAAO, Observatory Rd, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925 cptbookings@sao.ac.za	Western Cape
27-31 July 11h00-13h00	SAAO Day Tours	Guided day tours	SAAO, Observatory Rd, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925 cptbookings@sao.ac.za	Western Cape

27 - 31 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE AND YOUTH

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28 – 30 July	School / community outreach	The activation aims to make science engaging, practical, and accessible by using everyday materials to demonstrate STEM concepts. It emphasises that science can be explored beyond laboratories through curiosity and experimentation. The initiative also supports SACNASP's National Science Month goals by raising science awareness, encouraging interest in science subjects, and exposing learners to hands-on scientific thinking.	SACNASP Lientjie Mogano Lientjie.Mogano@sacnasp.org.za 012 748 6512 Siyafunda Education Foundation Northern Cape Department of Education	Northern Cape Okiep, Concordia, Nababeep, Springbok and Komaggas
15 July	Learner engagement	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Taryn Joshua-Kuntz / Nozi "Kogje Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Limpopo — Dan Sandi Hall
29 July	Learner Workshop	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Helga Knoetze, Corrina Abraham, Wynand Calitz "Kogje Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	KwaZulu-Natal — Patensie
30 July	Learner Workshop	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Helga Knoetze, Corrina Abraham, Wynand Calitz	Mpumalanga — NMU, Ocean Sciences Campus/Schoenies

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22 July	Learner Workshop	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Dr L Swemmer "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — Weverdiend Village
23 July	Learner Workshop	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Dr Maphumulo "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — Phaluabeni Village
8 & 9 July	Learner Workshops	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Siphiwe Mfeka "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — NIROX Sculpture Park
17 July	Learner engagements	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Caitlin & Dipuo "Kogie Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — (Beacon Island)
23-27 July	Young scientists' mentorship and curriculum support Cyberbullying in schools	To enhance learners' understanding of cyberbullying and food safety through a school outreach programme by raising awareness of cyberbullying's impact on mental health, encouraging responsible online behaviour, and equipping learners with practical food safety knowledge to promote healthy lifestyles and prevent foodborne illnesses. Schools Outreach in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West, and Free State 23 July — Zitikeni Secondary School (Tembisa, Gauteng) 24 July — Krefth Primary School (Kempton Park, Gauteng) 25 July — IM Manchu High School, (Balfour, Mpumalanga)	ASSAF SAYAS Alpha and Alphas Foundation Dr Mmahiine C. Mosana mc.aaf@octoberoctopus.co.za kholani@assaf.org.za 012 349 6638	Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West, and Free State

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		27 July — Makapanstad, North West		
23 July	Learner Engagement	SAEON learner workshop on environmental science and ecological observation.	SAEON · Caitlin & Dipuo "Kogje Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — Plettenberg Bay
24–26 July	Science Camp	SAEON environmental science camp for learners.	SAEON · Caitlin & Dipuo "Kogje Govender" <k.govender@saeon.nrf.ac.za>	Western Cape — Cape Town
31 July	Job Shadowing	UCT Job Shadowing	SACNASP & UCT	Western Cape
	Multiple online platforms	Youth engagement with science indicators	HSRC	National
	School community outreach	Hands-on STEM activation: making science visible, practical and exciting for learners by using everyday materials to demonstrate key STEM principles	SACNASP, Siyafunda Education Foundation, Northern Cape Department of Education	Northern Cape

27 - 31 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

Date and time of activity	Planned Activity	Focus/Topic	Institution	Coverage
27 – 31 July	The 9th SADC Industrialisation Week (SIW 2026)	the flagship regional event promoting technology, investment, and cross-border value chains—takes place in Durban ICC, South Africa,	DSTI ICR	KwaZulu Natal Durban
	Laboratory tours and demonstrations, Science exhibitions	<p>BEYOND 60: Facilitated by the Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences, groups of school learners and university students will be exposed to laboratory tours and demonstrations, Science exhibitions and showcases at VUT main campus. This will include guided visits to laboratories, exposing learners to real-world scientific environments and tools also to expose them to hands on experiments.</p> <p>All the engineering departments will be showcasing their equipment live and students will be invited to view their equipment. This will be viewed as a closing event for the faculty. Target: 6 researchers (one – two per dept: Ochieng, Osifo, Otunniyi, Wallace): 4 Postdoc, 4 PhD, 4 Masters. FSASEC, electrical, mechanical, chemical, etc.</p>	VUT	Gauteng

28 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SCIENCE FOR DECISION-MAKERS

Date and time of activity	Planned Activity	Focus/Topic	Institution	Coverage
24 July	Deputy Minister's Umhlabuyalingana Career Expo	Inspiring young people to pursue careers in scientific research and innovation	DSTI, NRF-SAASTA	KZN
28 July	Science for decision makers	<p>Multiple online platforms</p> <p>Public views on whether: Science organisations produce relevant knowledge about daily life in South Africa, and whether science organisations listen to the people before deciding what research they should do</p>	HSRC	National

29 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: SOUTH AFRICANS' RELATIONSHIP WITH SCIENCE

Date and time of activity	Planned Activity	Focus/Topic	Institution	Coverage
29 July	Multiple online platforms	SAPRS snapshot across all indicators – links to a panel discussion?	HSRC	National

30 July 2026

BLOCK THEME: PUBLIC AWARENESS OF RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Date and time of activity	Planned Activity	Focus/Topic	Institution	Coverage
30 July	Open day	South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity opened for public tour	NRF-SAIAB	Eastern Cape
	Open day	Tour of Hartbeeshoek research site	SARAO "Milisa Kentane" <mkentane@sarao.ac.za>	Gauteng
	Multiple online platforms	Public trust in S&T information from universities and research organisations	HSRC	National

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	Chris Hani	Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu Science Centre		lpntshaba@gmail.com 073 191 9065
FS	Sasolburg	Boitjorisong Resource Centre	Eric Louw Road Sasolburg 1947	Nontokoza.Xaba@sasol.com 066 195 9837
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	Mangaung Metro	Boyden Observatory	Maselspoort Road Bloemfontein,	Click for Direction (051) 401 2531
	Mangaung Metro	Naval Hill Planetarium	Planetarium in Bloemfontein, Free State Naval Road Bloemfontein 9301	Naval Road Bloemfontein 9301 (051) 401 9751

GP	Sedibeng	ArcelorMittal Science Centre Sebokeng	Sebokeng, Samuel St, Vanderbijlpark, 1984	
	City of Tshwane	Community Science Centre	171 Robert Sobukwe Street Pretoria 0002	082 847 3396
	City of Johannesburg	Sci-Bono Discovery Centre	Newtown, Johannesburg	(011) 639 8400
		SARAO Hartebeesthoek site	Farm 502 JQ, Hartebeesthoek, Broederstroom Road, Hartebeesthoek, 1740	(012) 301-3100
	City of Tshwane	Sci-Enza Science Centre	Roper St, Elandspoor 357-Jr, Pretoria, 0132	puleng.tsie@up.ac.za 012 420 2865
	City of Tshwane	Jewish National Fund Walter Sisulu Environmental Centre	Mamelodi, 20202 Serapeng Avenue, Pretoria, 0101	manager@wsec.org.za (012) 801 3197
	West Rand	UNISA Science Engagement Centre	28 Pioneer Ave, Florida Park, Roodepoort, 1709	gouwspm@unisa.ac.za 082 354 2289
	City of Johannesburg	University of Johannesburg Soweto Science Centre		
	City of Tshwane	NECSA Visitor Centre	Elias Motsoalide Street, R104 Pelindaba	gilbert.lekwe@necsa.co.za 012 305 5450
	City of Tshwane	Pretoria National Botanical Garden	2 Cussonia Ave, Brummeria, Pretoria.	(0)12 002 5201 / (0)12 002 5200
	West Rand	Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden	Malcolm Road in Roodepoort, Gauteng.	GPS Co-ordinates: 27°50'40.7"E 26°05'13.8"S

KZN	Umkhanyakude	Christoph Meyer Maths and Science Centre	D 1885 KwaNhlamvu, Sibhayi, 3967	dorrymlambo@gmail.com 073 896 4305
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	Ehlanzeni	Penreach Shalamuka Science Centre	Boschrand Farm, R40, Mbombela, 1200	gift@penreach.co.za

	Gert Sibande	Osizweni Science Centre	Embalehle Road, Secunda, Mpumalanga	(017) 689 2008 Direction
	Ehlanzeni	Nkomazi Mathematics and Science Project	Stand number 2351, Shongwe Mission, 1331.	(013) 781 0539 Del_djtshuma@gmail.com Google Maps
	Ehlanzeni	Agriculture Research Council – Nelspruit	Corner of Bosch Street and Kanyamazane Rd R2296 Mbombela	(0)13 753 7000 infoitsc@arc.agric.za
	Ehlanzeni	SANBI - Mbombela	Botanical Garden Ent Road, Off Madiba Drive, Riverside, Mbombela (Nelspruit), Mpumalanga,	View on Google Maps 078 560 6745 C.Mathipa@sanbi.org.za
		University of Mpumalanga (School of Agriculture)	Cnr R40 and D725 Roads, Mbombela 1200,	
NC	Pixley ka Seme		Klerefontein Farm, Carnarvon, Northern Cape,	
	Pixley ka Seme	SARAO Visitors Centre, Carnarvon, Northern Cape	Corner of Victoria and Hanau Street, Carnarvon, Northern Cape, 8929	GPS coords: 30°58'08.7"S 22°07'38.3"E Google Maps street view
NW	Bojanala Platinum	NECSA Visitors Centre	Elias Motsoaledi Street Extension (Church Street West) R104 Pelindaba	(012) 305 4911 Directions
	Dr Kenneth kaunda	NWU Potchefstroom Science Centre	Building F24 Potchefstroom Campus 11 Hoffman Street Corner of Albert	018-299 4239 science-centre@nwu.ac.za

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WC	City of Cape Town	Cape Town Science Centre	370B Main Rd, Observatory, 7925	
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