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10:00 – 10:10	Programme Director Ms. Nontobeko Sikhosana, Acting Principal Librarian UKZN library
10:10 - 10:20	Welcome address, Dr Nonhlanhla Ngcobo, Director of Library Services, UKZN.
10:20 - 10:40	Library presentation: Ms Minenhle Jali, Librarian, UKZN
10:40 – 11:10	Strategic Positioning for Competitive Research Grants and the Peer Review Process: Prof Onisimo Mutanga, UKZN.
11:10 – 11:50	Supervising Research in Higher Education: Supporting Emerging Scholars and Strengthening Postgraduate Research Practice: Prof. Sarasvathie Reddy, UKZN.
11:50 – 12:20	Open Science innovation and African research visibility: Ms Johanna Kuhn, Springer Nature.
12:20 – 12:45	Guest speaker: Prof. Akshay Kumar Saha, UKZN.
12:45 – 12:55	Quiz Session: Programme Director
12:55 – 13:00	Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks: Dr Roshini Pather. Portfolio Manager: Core Services, UKZN.

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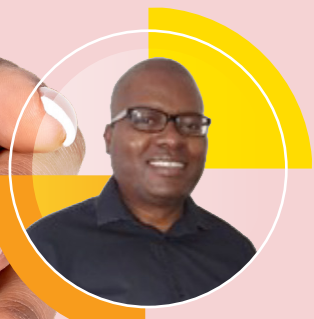

PROF. ONISIMO MUTANGA

Professor Onisimo Mutanga is a Professor of Remote Sensing and South African Research Chair (SARChI) in Land Use. His expertise focuses on resource modelling, ecosystem monitoring, disaster risk assessment, invasive species modelling, and land use change. He has published over 300 journal articles with more than 12,000 citations and is a recipient of several prestigious awards, including the NSTF-South32 Award.

PROF. SARASVATHIE REDDY

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MS JOHANNA KUHN

Johanna Kuhn joined Springer Nature in 2008 and specialises in open access publishing and transformative agreements. She works closely with institutions across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East to promote open research and institutional partnerships.



PROF. AKSHAY KUMAR SAHA

Professor Akshay Kumar Saha is a Professor and Academic Leader for Research and Higher Degrees at the School of Engineering, University of KwaZulu-Natal. His work focuses on power systems and engineering education. He has published extensively in international journals and conferences and has received multiple research excellence and teaching awards.

THANK YOU

We look forward to your participation in this engaging and impactful research seminar.
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