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S20 – PROGRAMME

Dates: 25, 26 and 27 February 2025

Venue: The Capital Menlyn Maine, Pretoria

| Tuesday, 25 February 2025 | | |
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| Time | Activity | Participant/s |
| 14:00 – 17:30 | Registration | |
| 18:30 – 22:00 | Welcome dinner - Sixteenth by Koi | All |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Welcome drinks | |
| 19:00 – 19:05 | Introduction | Programme director: Prof Himla Soodyall , ASSAf Executive Officer |
| 19:05 – 19:15 | Official Welcome | Prof Thokozani Majozi , ASSAf President, University of the Witwatersrand |
| 19:15 – 19:45 | Drumming session | |
| 19:45 – 22:00 | Dinner and networking | |
| 22:00 | Programme ends | |
| Wednesday, 26 February 2025 | | |
| Time | Activity | Participant/s |
| 8:30 – 09:00 | Registration continues | |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | Business meeting | Prof Stephanie Burton , ASSAf Member and Member of the S20 Local Organising Committee Academies' representatives only |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Refreshments | |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | OPENING SESSION | Programme director: Prof Irvy (Igle) Gledhill , ASSAf Council Member, University of the Witwatersrand |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Welcome message from ASSAf | Prof Thokozani Majozi , ASSAf President |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Opening remarks from the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) | Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation representative |
| 11:45 – 11:55 | Opening remarks by the Troika (3 minutes each) | Brazil - Past Presidency South Africa - Presidency United States of America - Next Presidency |
| 11:55 – 12:25 | Presentation 1: Climate Change and Well-being (Preliminary Document – S20 South Africa 2025) | Prof Nithaya Chetty , ASSAf Council Member, University of the Witwatersrand Prof Francois Engelbrecht , University of the Witwatersrand |
| 12:25 – 12:35 | Official photograph | |

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| 12:35 – 13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 – 17:00 | SESSION 1 | Chair: Prof Thokozani Majozi, ASSAf |
| 13:30 – 14:15 | Consideration from the Academies (7 minutes each) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academia Europea • Argentina • Australia • Brazil • Canada • China |
| 14:15 – 14:35 | Presentation 2: Climate change and environmental issues | Prof Guy Midgley , ASSAf Member, Stellenbosch University |
| 14:35 – 14:50 | Refreshment break | |
| 14:50 – 15:20 | Consideration from the Academies (7 minutes each) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France • Germany • India • Indonesia |
| 15:20 – 15:40 | Presentation 3: Climate change, food and nutrition security | Prof Liza Korsten , ASSAf Member, University of Pretoria |
| 15:40 – 16:10 | Consideration from the Academies (7 minutes each) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italy • Russia, • Japan • Saudi Arabia |
| 16:10 – 16:30 | Presentation 4: Climate change and health-related issues | Prof Ntobeko Ntusi , ASSAf Member, South African Medical Research Council |
| 16:30 – 16:50 | Consideration from the Academies (7 minutes each) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Türkiye • UK • USA |
| 16:50 – 17:00 | Closing | Prof Thokozani Majozi , ASSAf |
| 18:30 – 22:00 | DINNER: The Crescent, The Capital Menlyn Maine | |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Welcome drinks | Pretoria High School for Girls Marimba band |
| 19:00 – 19:10 | Welcome | Programme director: Prof Janice Limson , ASSAf Council Member and Member of the S20 Local Organising Committee |
| 19:10 – 19:30 | Gumboot Dancers | Pretoria Boys High School |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | Dinner | |
| 21:30 | Programme ends | |

Thursday, 27 February 2025

| Time | Activity | Participant/s |
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| 9:00 – 9:05 | Welcome and recap | Programme director: Prof Stephanie Burton |
| 9:05 – 13:00 | SESSION 2 | Chair: Prof Stephanie Burton |
| 9:05 – 9:40 | Observers (3 minutes each) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) • Network of African Science Academies (NASAC) • International Science Council (ISC) • South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS) • Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) • South African Academy of Engineering (SAAE) • World Health Organization (WHO) • United Nations (UN) • The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) • African Academy of Sciences (AAS) |
| 9:40 – 11:00 | Open Discussion | Chair: Prof Roseanne Diab , ASSAf Vice-President and Member of the Local Organising Committee |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Refreshment break | |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Moving towards S20 South Africa 2025 Communique | Chair: Prof Stephanie Burton |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | SESSION 3 | Chair: Prof Himla Soodyall |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | Closing Remarks from the Troika (5 min each) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil (Past Presidency) • South Africa (Presidency) • United States of America (Next Presidency) |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Thanks and closing | Prof Thokozani Majozi |
| 14:30 | Refreshments | |
| | Dinner at leisure in Menlyn Maine precinct | |

