

Department of Public Management and Governance



Reflections on the 2025 Departmental Operational Plan

Foreword

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The 2025 academic year marked a significant chapter in the Department of Public Management and Governance's journey toward excellence and innovation. Guided by the University's Strategic Plan 2020–2030, the Department implemented its operational plan with a clear focus on three strategic pillars:

- Enhancing learning and teaching efficiency,
- Empowering academics in research and innovation, and
- Strengthening community engagement and internationalisation.

These priorities informed the development of objectives that aimed to enhance academic quality, promote scholarly productivity, and deepen societal impact. While some objectives remain aspirational, the Department achieved notable progress, as reflected in the narratives and visual highlights presented in this newsletter. These accomplishments underscore the collective commitment of our staff and students to the Department's vision.

The implementation of the 2025 operational plan was not without challenges. It served as a valuable learning curve, shaped by insights from the 2024 cycle and enriched by the successes and lessons of the current year. Over the past two years, a clear trajectory of growth has emerged, demonstrating resilience, adaptability, and a shared determination to achieve excellence.

As we look ahead to 2026, it is imperative that the lessons learned inform our next operational plan. Among these lessons is the need for consistent commitment to assigned objectives, particularly by departmental committees. Accountability, creativity, and innovation must remain central to our approach. Committees should actively engage with their mandates and provide regular progress reports to ensure alignment with operational objectives and timely execution.

Despite the challenges, the Department takes pride in the milestones achieved in 2025. These successes reflect not only departmental progress but also the dedication and hard work of our academic and support staff, as well as the enthusiasm of our students. The establishment and active participation of the SAAPAM WSU Student Chapter have significantly elevated the Department's profile and advanced its strategic objectives. The year ahead presents an opportunity to build on these achievements and to take bold steps toward further growth and development.

To all staff and students: thank you for your unwavering commitment. Let us embrace 2026 as a year of innovation, collaboration, and excellence. Together, we will continue to shape a future that reflects the values and aspirations of our University.

Prof Malefetsane Mofolo

Head of Department (Public Management & Governance)

2025 Departmental Orientation for First-Year Students at Komani Campus



As part of the Department of Public Management and Governance's operational plan objectives, the orientation for first-year students commenced at the Komani Campus on Tuesday, 6 March 2025, at Grey Street. The event was designed to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the academic environment, departmental expectations, and available support services.

The atmosphere was vibrant, with first-year students showcasing their enthusiasm and creativity through various talent displays. This energy reflected their eagerness to embark on their academic journey. All campus support units were present, offering detailed insights into their services and resources to ensure students are well-equipped for success.

The orientation served not only as an informative session but also as a platform for fostering a sense of belonging and community among new students. It marked a significant milestone for the Department, as the successful execution of this event demonstrated the achievement of a key operational objective. The Department takes pride in this accomplishment and remains committed to supporting students throughout their academic journey.

2025 Orientation of First-Year Students at Butterworth Campus



Following the successful orientation at Komani Campus, the Department of Public Management and Governance hosted its second orientation for first-year students at Butterworth Campus on Wednesday, 12 March 2025. The event was a resounding success, characterised by an atmosphere of excitement and optimism as new students embarked on their academic journey.

The day began with warm welcomes and informative sessions designed to familiarise students with the Department's academic programs, expectations, and the wide range of support services available on campus. Representatives from various support units provided detailed insights into their offerings, ensuring that students understood the resources available to them for academic and personal development.

Students expressed their joy and enthusiasm throughout the event, actively engaging in discussions and activities. Their smiles and positive energy reflected a strong sense of readiness and commitment to their studies. The central message conveyed to the cohort was clear: the Department values active participation and dedication as key drivers for academic success and growth.

This orientation not only equipped students with essential information but also fostered a sense of belonging and motivation. The Department is proud to have achieved another milestone in its operational objectives and remains committed to supporting students in reaching their full potential.

2025 Postgraduate Orientation at Butterworth Campus



The Department of Public Management and Governance successfully hosted its Postgraduate Orientation on Friday, 4 April 2025, at Butterworth Campus. This event marked the culmination of the Department's orientation programme, following earlier sessions for first-year students. The focus was on postgraduate students enrolled in the Advanced Diploma in Public Management, Bachelor of Administration (Honours) programme, and the Master of Public Administration programme.

As senior students, the orientation emphasised academic rigour and research excellence. Key discussions centred on proposal development, research projects, and dissertation requirements, ensuring that students understood the expectations and standards for postgraduate scholarship. Participants were guided through critical sections of the Postgraduate Policy, with a particular focus on timelines and the importance

of completing their studies within the stipulated timeframe.

A strong message was conveyed regarding the need for effective supervisor-student relationships, as these partnerships are crucial for maintaining resilience and completing research tasks in a timely manner. Students were encouraged to adopt proactive communication strategies and demonstrate commitment throughout their academic journey.

The enthusiasm and readiness of the cohort were evident, as their engagement and positive demeanour reflected eagerness to begin this advanced stage of study. The Department remains committed to providing continuous support and fostering an environment conducive to academic success and research innovation.



2025 Postgraduate Students' Support in Their Research Journey

In line with its commitment to academic excellence and research development, the Department of Public Management and Governance hosted its first postgraduate support webinar on Friday, 4 April 2025, at 17:00. The session was designed to empower postgraduate students with practical strategies for developing strong, focused research topics that align with disciplinary standards and address real-world challenges.

The keynote speaker, Mr Maxhobandile Ndamase, delivered an insightful presentation on the principles of crafting impactful research topics. His discussion emphasised the importance of relevance, clarity, and originality in topic selection. Interactive discussions allowed students to seek clarification and share ideas, fostering a collaborative learning environment.

This initiative reflects the Department's ongoing commitment to supporting postgraduate students throughout their research journey, equipping them with the tools and confidence to excel in their academic pursuits.

The webinar was held under the theme:
"Refining Research Topics for Academic
Excellence."

Staff Academic Achievements – 2025

The Department of Public Management and Governance proudly celebrates the remarkable academic achievements of its staff members in 2025, reflecting its commitment to professional growth and scholarly excellence.



Dr Kauleza successfully obtained her PhD, a milestone that underscores both her personal dedication and the department's support. The Department ensures that staff members pursuing advanced studies receive the necessary assistance, including study leave and collaborative class-sharing arrangements. This achievement is a testament to the Department's culture of academic development.

Similarly, Dr Tafeni achieved his PhD in 2025, further strengthening the Department's research capacity. His success serves as an inspiration to students, motivating them to aim for similar academic heights and reinforcing the Department's vision of nurturing future scholars and leaders.



The Department also welcomed Dr Koninga, who earned his PhD in 2025 and brings a wealth of expertise from his previous role in the university's examination unit. His integration into the Department enhances its academic calibre and operational strength. The Department is grateful for the knowledge and experience he gained.

The Department proudly congratulates Mr Nxafani on the successful completion of his Master's degree, a significant milestone that reflects both personal dedication and professional growth. Beyond his contributions in the lecture halls, Mr Nxafani plays an influential role in empowering communities through his work as a radio analyst.



Following the same streak of accomplishments, the Department of Public Management and Governance proudly congratulates Mrs Willie on earning her Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. This achievement reflects resilience and determination, as Mrs Willie has successfully obtained her second Master's degree. Her qualifications form a strong foundation for her expertise and continued knowledge acquisition.



Beyond academic staff, the Department celebrates the achievements of its administrative team. Ms Mantantana, an administrator within the Department, graduated with her B. Admin Honours degree during the University's May 2025 ceremonies. Her accomplishment reflects perseverance and ambition, qualities the Department values highly.



Additionally, Ms Nyathela, an administrator at Komani Campus, also obtained her Honours degree in Business Management in 2025. Her success demonstrates that commitment and hard work yield rewarding outcomes. The Department commends her dedication and looks forward to her continued growth.



These achievements collectively symbolise the Department's progress in building a strong academic and professional foundation, fostering an environment where excellence is both supported and celebrated.

Departmental Exhibition

at Scenery Park – East London

In June 2025, the Department of Public Management and Governance proudly participated in an exhibition held during the Youth Symposium at Scenery Park, East London. This strategic engagement formed part of the department's outreach initiatives aimed at promoting its academic programmes and strengthening its connection with prospective students.

Representing the Department were Mr Nxafani, Programme Coordinator for the Diploma in Policing, and Ms Tsutsu, a lecturer in the same programme. Their presence ensured that attendees received accurate and comprehensive information about the department's offerings, including programme structures, career prospects, and admission application procedures for Walter Sisulu University.

The exhibition proved highly successful, attracting significant interest from learners and youth participants. The representatives provided guidance on how to apply for admission, clarified entry requirements, and addressed questions about the department's role in preparing graduates for careers in the public sector.

The event also featured participation from other institutions of higher learning, creating a dynamic platform for information sharing and comparative insights. Learners expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage directly with academic representatives, leaving the symposium better informed and motivated to pursue higher education.



This exhibition reaffirmed the department's commitment to community engagement and youth empowerment, ensuring that future students are well-equipped to make informed decisions about their academic and professional journeys.



Addressing Social Challenges Through Media Engagement

Mr. Nxafani, Programme Coordinator for the Diploma in Policing within the Department of Public Management and Governance, under the Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences, has actively participated in a series of radio interviews as part of his ongoing commitment to community engagement and public education. He appeared on Umhlobo Wenene and Tru FM on the following dates: 01 May, 12 May, 21 May, 29 May, and 07 July 2025.

During these interviews, Mr. Nxafani provided in-depth analysis and commentary on critical policing issues affecting both the Eastern Cape Province and South Africa as a whole. His contributions addressed a range of topics, including crime prevention strategies, community-police relations, law enforcement accountability, and the evolving role of policing in a democratic society.

This initiative exemplifies the vital role that academics play in bridging the gap between higher education and society. By leveraging his scholarly expertise and practical insights, Mr. Nxafani has demonstrated how lecturers can extend their influence beyond the classroom to inform, educate, and empower the broader public. Such engagements not only enhance public understanding of complex governance and security matters but also reinforce the University's mission to serve as a catalyst for positive social change.

Through platforms like radio, which remain accessible and influential across diverse communities, Mr. Nxafani's outreach underscores the importance of using media as a tool for civic education and social transformation.

Work Experiential Learning: Diploma in Policing Students Engaging Beyond the Classroom



The third-year students enrolled in the Diploma in Policing programme in the Department of Public Management and Governance, under the Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences, actively participated in the Human Trafficking Awareness Event, held from July 28 to 30, 2025, in the Eastern Cape. The initiative was hosted within the Joe Gqabi District, specifically targeting the Tele Bridge and Aliwal North border areas, which are critical points for monitoring cross-border activities.

The event served as a collaborative platform to strengthen efforts against human trafficking and related transnational crimes. It brought together multiple stakeholders, including the South African National Defence Force (Military), the Border Management Authority (BMA), the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI – Hawks),

and Immigration Services. These agencies shared insights on operational strategies, legal frameworks, and inter-agency cooperation aimed at combating human trafficking and enhancing border security.

Participation in this event provided students with practical exposure to real-world policing challenges, fostering a deeper understanding of multi-disciplinary approaches in crime prevention and law enforcement.



SAAPAM WSU Student Chapter: Humanitarian Aid Initiative

In June 2025, the Eastern Cape Province was severely affected by devastating floods, particularly in areas such as Mthatha and Butterworth. The floods claimed numerous lives and displaced many families, leaving communities in urgent need of assistance. In response to this humanitarian crisis, the SAAPAM WSU Student Chapter, under the Department of Public Management and Governance, launched a relief drive to support the victims of the disaster.

The initiative focused on collecting essential items, including clothing, toiletries, and monetary contributions, to alleviate the suffering of those affected. Demonstrating commitment and solidarity, the Chapter organised two major

handover events. On 03 July 2025, parcels were distributed to victims within the Mquma Local Municipality, and on 05 July 2025, additional aid was delivered to residents of Mthatha West (Slovo) under the King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality.

This humanitarian effort exemplified the spirit of Ubuntu and showcased the compassion and civic responsibility of students as future public servants. By responding proactively to a national disaster, the Chapter reinforced the core values of public service, namely: empathy, accountability, and community engagement, while contributing to the broader goal of building a caring and resilient society.

SAAPAM WSU Student Chapter and Department of Public Management and Governance Webinars

The year 2025 marked a significant milestone for the SAAPAM WSU Student Chapter and the Department of Public Management and Governance, as several impactful webinars were successfully hosted to advance the discourse on public administration and governance. These sessions provided students with valuable insights into the practical dimensions of their academic studies and the evolving landscape of public service.



One notable webinar took place on 20 May 2025, featuring Dr. Izimangaliso Malatjie as the keynote speaker. The session was themed “Masithethe Ngekamso Lakho (Let’s Talk About Your Future)”, focusing on career development and opportunities linked to academic qualifications. The webinar served as a motivational platform, encouraging students to envision their future roles in public service and equipping them with knowledge about employment prospects within the sector.

Another significant event was held on 30 September 2025, aligning with Public Service Month, a period dedicated to reinforcing the importance of ethical and professional conduct in governance. Drawing inspiration from the national theme, the Department hosted a webinar under the title:

“Professionalising the Public Service to Build Trust and Restore Confidence in Government: Implications for Future Public Servants.”

Dr Anusha Naidoo (Acting Deputy Director-General for Human Resources Management and Development at the Department of Public Service and Administration) and Mr Nyiko Mabunda (Senior Manager and Member of the Executive Team at the Department of Public Service and Administration) emphasised the critical role of integrity, accountability, and professionalism in achieving South Africa’s developmental objectives. It highlighted the expectations placed on future public servants to uphold ethical standards and foster public trust in government institutions.

Through these webinars, students were not only exposed to theoretical frameworks but also engaged in meaningful discussions that bridge the gap between academic learning and practical application in the public sector.



THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

INVITES YOU TO A WEBINAR

IN MARKING THE END OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH (SEPTEMBER)

TOPIC: "PROFESSIONALISING THE PUBLIC SERVICE TO BUILD TRUST AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT: IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC SERVANTS"

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS
TIME: 18:00-20:00




Mr. Nyiko Mabunda
 Senior Manager and Member of the Executive Team at the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA)

Dr. Anusha Naidoo
 Acting Deputy Director-General for Human Resources Management and Development at the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA)

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Local Government Finance Career Expo 2025

The Local Government Finance (LGF – Main & ECP) in the Department of Public Management and Governance at Butterworth Campus successfully hosted its annual Career Expo on 08 October 2025, attracting a vibrant audience of students eager to explore opportunities in the field of local governance and finance.

This year's theme, "The Role of Local Governance in the Protection, Promotion, and Fulfilment of the Bill of Rights," underscored the critical link between governance and constitutional democracy. The discussions emphasised that human rights remain the cornerstone of the South African Constitution (1996) and highlighted how local government structures play a pivotal role in safeguarding these rights through effective financial management and service delivery.

Students engaged enthusiastically with the theme, demonstrating a keen understanding of how financial accountability and transparency contribute to the realisation of constitutional rights at the municipal level.

In his address, Prof. Malefetsane Mofolo, Head of Department, outlined a range of career opportunities available to graduates with a qualification in Local Government Finance. Among others, these include:

- Financial Controller
- Accountant / Bookkeeper
- Financial Analyst
- Budgeting and Planning Manager
- Municipal Manager
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

The expo served as an important platform for bridging academic learning with practical career pathways, reinforcing the department's commitment to producing graduates who are ready to make meaningful contributions to local governance and the advancement of constitutional principles.

SAAPAM WSU Student Chapter Honoured with Prestigious National Award



The South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) Walter Sisulu University (WSU) Student Chapter, based in the Department of Public Management, was awarded the coveted Best Student Chapter accolade at the 2025 SAAPAM Annual Conference held in Thohoyandou, Limpopo Province, from 21 to 26 September 2025.

This national recognition celebrates the Chapter's outstanding commitment to civic engagement and social responsibility, particularly its exemplary humanitarian response following the devastating floods that struck the Eastern Cape in June 2025. The natural disaster severely impacted communities in Mthatha and Butterworth, resulting in the tragic loss of life and widespread displacement.

In the wake of the crisis, the WSU Student Chapter mobilised swiftly and compassionately, launching a relief campaign that collected and distributed essential items such as clothing, food, and toiletries to affected families. Their efforts not only alleviated immediate suffering but also demonstrated the transformative power

of student-led initiatives in times of need.

The award recognises the Chapter's proactive leadership, ethical commitment, and alignment with the core values of service as students pursuing studies in Public Administration and Management. As aspiring professionals in the field, these students exemplified the principles of servant leadership and community stewardship, qualities that SAAPAM seeks to cultivate across its academic and professional networks.

In recognition of their achievements, the Chapter received a trophy and a monetary award of R3,000. This honour not only affirms their dedication but also positions the WSU Student Chapter as a beacon of excellence and inspiration for other institutions nationwide.

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Best Paper Award at SAAPAM Conference



Professor Mofolo (Head of Department) and Dr Langa (Postdoctoral Fellow), under the Department of Public Management and Governance at Walter Sisulu University, were honoured at the recent South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) Conference held in Thohoyandou, Limpopo Province, from 22–26 October.

Their paper, titled “A Comprehensive Critical Framework for Community Water Management in South African Rural Areas,” was selected as the Best Paper under the conference theme: “State Capacity, Sustainable Development and Economic Transformation.” The research presents a robust conceptual framework that advocates for enhanced participatory democracy in addressing water-related challenges in rural communities, particularly in the Eastern Cape. It draws comparative insights from decentralisation models implemented in Ghana, Kenya, and Zambia, emphasising the empowerment of local communities in water governance.

In recognition of their outstanding contribution, the authors received a trophy and a monetary award of R1,500. This achievement proudly elevated the profile of Walter Sisulu University at a prestigious gathering that featured:

- 822 delegates, including 11 international participants
- 659 papers presented
- Representation from 27 universities
- Participation from 106 government departments

This accolade not only celebrates scholarly excellence but also reinforces the university’s commitment to impactful research in public governance and sustainable development.

Short Learning Programme Launched in Bizana



From 20 to 24 October 2025, the Department of Public Management proudly launched its Short Learning Programme (SLP), marking a significant milestone in its commitment to academic innovation and community empowerment. The programme commenced with a high-impact offering in Project Management, led by Dr Babalo Yekani, a senior lecturer in the Department. The training was hosted at the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality in Bizana, drawing enthusiastic participation from municipal staff and community stakeholders.

This initiative reflects the Department's strategic focus on aligning academic offerings with industry demands and societal needs, particularly in the realm of Public Administration and Management. By delivering practical, skills-based training, the SLPs aim to bridge the gap between theory and practice, equipping participants with tools to enhance service delivery and operational efficiency within local government structures.

As part of its broader community engagement strategy, the Department envisions expanding the scope and reach of these programmes in the coming years. Plans are underway to develop a substantial portfolio of SLPs that will not only provide accessible certification opportunities but also serve as pathways to formal qualifications within higher education. This approach is designed to foster lifelong learning, promote professional development, and support inclusive access to academic advancement.

The successful rollout of this first SLP underscores the department's dedication to transformative education and its role in driving sustainable development through responsive, community-centred training.



Departmental Academic Excellence Awards 2025

The Department of Public Management and Governance proudly hosted its Academic Excellence Awards on 10 October 2025, celebrating outstanding student achievements across its diverse programmes. This prestigious event recognised students who demonstrated exceptional academic performance, reinforcing the department's commitment to excellence and student success.

Awards were conferred on top-performing students from four undergraduate programmes, excluding the Advanced Diploma in Public Management, B. Admin – Honours, and Master of Public Administration. The programmes included:

- Bachelor of Administration (B. Admin)
- Local Government Finance (Main and ECP)
- Diploma in Policing
- Diploma in Public Management

The recognition focused on third-year students, with the top three achievers in each programme honoured for their dedication and hard work. Each recipient received a certificate of excellence, while the top achiever in each programme was further celebrated with a trophy.

The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of the overall top performer, a student from the Diploma in Policing, whose exceptional results set a benchmark for academic success within the Department.

Delivering the keynote address, Mrs Benya (centre in the below picture), Director of Planning at Mnquma Local Municipality, emphasised the importance of consistent effort and discipline in academic pursuits. She reminded students that success is rooted in attending classes regularly, submitting assignments on time, and preparing thoroughly for tests and examinations. Her message served as a powerful motivation for all students to strive for excellence in their studies.

The event not only celebrated achievement but also inspired a culture of academic rigour and perseverance, aligning with the department's vision of producing graduates who are well-prepared to contribute meaningfully to public service and governance.



Promoting Dignity Through Community Engagement: Sanitary Towel Distribution Initiative



On 14 October 2025, Mrs. Shwababa, together with her second-year students from the Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences, under the Department of Public Management and Governance, embarked on a meaningful community outreach initiative as part of their academic engagement for the Fundamentals of Research II module.

The group visited Zamomhle Primary School and Zazulwana High School, located in the surrounding areas of Butterworth, to distribute sanitary towels to female learners in need. This initiative was driven by a shared commitment to promoting human dignity, addressing menstrual health challenges, and reinforcing the importance of human rights in education and public service.

The activity not only provided essential hygiene products but also served as a platform for raising awareness about the socio-economic barriers that many young girls face in accessing basic health resources. By engaging directly with the learners, the students gained practical insights into the realities of rural education and the value of responsive governance.

The heartfelt appreciation and visible joy expressed by the learners underscored the profound impact of the initiative. Their smiles and gratitude were a powerful testament to the

importance of empathy, service, and inclusive development. This outreach exemplified the University's dedication to nurturing socially conscious graduates who are equipped to lead with compassion and purpose.

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SAAPAM WSU Students Chapter

Public Lecture

The South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) – Walter Sisulu University Students Chapter, based in the Department of Public Management and Governance, hosted a thought-provoking public lecture on 17 October 2025, featuring Mrs. Sibulele Ngongo, the MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts, and Culture in the Eastern Cape, as the distinguished guest speaker.

In her address, MEC Ngongo delivered an insightful and inspiring message, emphasising that public service is not merely a profession but a calling. Drawing from her extensive experience as an administrator in one of the Eastern Cape municipalities, she illustrated the realities and challenges faced by public servants. Her reflections highlighted the core principles of professionalism, integrity, and accountability that should guide every public administrator in fulfilling their duties.

MEC Ngongo further underscored the importance of ethical leadership and resilience in navigating the complexities of governance. She concluded on an optimistic note, affirming that the future of public service is promising, particularly when considering the calibre of students pursuing Public Administration and Management at Walter Sisulu University. She commended the university for empowering students through public lectures, webinars, and interactive platforms, which provide practical insights into the expectations and challenges of the public sector; opportunities



that many seasoned public servants never had during their academic years.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the critical role that education and continuous engagement play in shaping competent, ethical, and visionary leaders for the public sector.

The lecture was held under the theme:
"Public Administration Under Siege: Who Would
Be Qualified?"

Departmental Medallists at the HR Wellness Day – Komani Campus



The HR Wellness Day, held at Komani Campus on 31 October 2025, featured a range of activities designed to promote health and well-being among staff members. One of the highlights of the event was the 10KM run held at Masibulele, where the Department of Public Management and Governance proudly showcased its commitment to fitness and wellness.

Representing the Department were Mr Zoko (centre in the picture), who achieved 1st place, and Mr Mutize, who secured 3rd place in the race. Their outstanding performance reflects not only personal dedication but also the department's emphasis on maintaining an active lifestyle.

Physical fitness plays a crucial role in reducing stress, enhancing productivity, and promoting

overall well-being. The Department strongly encourages all staff members to participate in similar wellness initiatives, as these activities foster a culture of health, teamwork, and resilience.

B. Admin – Honours Writing Retreat 2025

On 20 & 21 October 2025, the Department of Public Management and Governance, under the Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences, successfully hosted a two-day Writing Retreat for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Administration Honours programme.

The retreat provided an intensive and focused environment for students to finalise and submit their research projects, a critical requirement for completing their Honours degree. By taking students away from the usual campus setting, the Department created a dedicated space for uninterrupted writing and engagement, allowing participants to concentrate fully on their research under the close supervision of departmental supervisors.

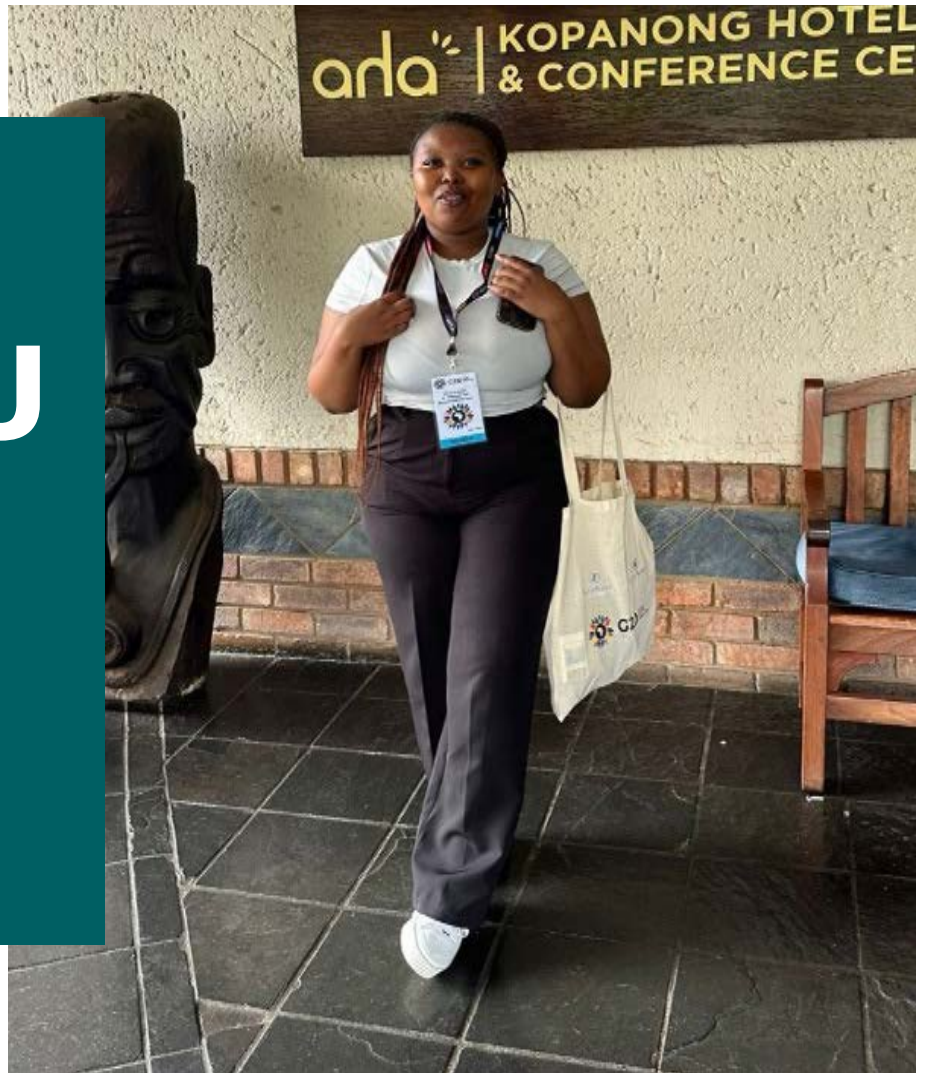
This initiative is strategically designed to assist students in meeting the official submission deadline, which, according to the University Policy, falls in the second week of November each year. The retreat was marked by high levels of participation and productivity, with supervisors offering guidance on research structure, academic writing standards, and methodological rigour.

One of the supervisors noted the success of the event, remarking that “30 research projects are expected from the group of students who attended.” This outcome reflects the effectiveness of the retreat in fostering academic excellence and ensuring the timely completion of research work.



The Writing Retreat serves as a testament to the Directorate of Research and Innovation, the Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences, and the Department of Public Management and Governance’s commitment to supporting postgraduate students through structured interventions that enhance scholarly output and prepare graduates for advanced roles in the public sector.

Flying the WSU Flag at the G20 Summit



The Department of Public Management and Governance under the Faculty of Management and Public Administration Science at Walter Sisulu University proudly announces that Ms Pamela Dodo represented the institution at the G20 Summit held in South Africa in 2025. Ms Dodo participated in the working group themed “Meaningful Youth Engagement and Reforming Multilateralism for a Just Future.”

According to the Y20 South Africa 2025 Concept Note, youth engagement in multilateralism encompasses global economic reform and financial equity, which underpin South Africa’s advocacy for a fairer international system. This vision aligns with the aspirations outlined in the United Nations Pact for the Future and the Annexed Declaration of Future Generations.

The theme emphasises empowering young people to articulate their needs, expectations, and perspectives on international development, cooperation, and economic policy.

The Department of Public Management and Governance celebrates Ms Dodo’s achievement as a Master’s student under the supervision of Dr Zukiswa Roboji. Her participation at this global platform reflects both her academic excellence and the University’s commitment to nurturing leaders who contribute meaningfully to shaping a just and inclusive future.

