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WORKSHOP ON LANGUAGE STANDARDISATION



04-05 DECEMBER 2025



UKZN: MEDICAL SCHOOL, K-RITH, K1-K2



08h00 – 15h30

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop on Language Standardisation aims to strengthen ongoing efforts toward the consistent and accurate use of isiZulu across academic and professional domains. This two-day workshop brings together language experts, researchers, academics, and practitioners to explore key issues in terminology development, orthographic harmonisation, and broader linguistic standardisation. Participants will engage in practical sessions and group discussions focused on refining isiZulu terminology and promoting a unified, coherent approach to language use. This initiative forms part of a wider commitment to advancing isiZulu as a language of scholarship, effective communication, and innovation.



FACILITATOR
Dr Gerda Odendaal

Dr Gerda Odendaal is a co-editor at the Woordboek van die Afrikaanse Taal, PanSALB's National Lexicography Unit (NLU) for Afrikaans, since July 2016. She obtained her PhD in Afrikaans and Dutch in 2012 at Stellenbosch University on the topic of the restandardisation of Afrikaans, after which she was a postdoctoral fellow at the same university for three years. Her research interests and expertise include sociolinguistics, especially language planning, language politics and standardisation, as well as lexicography, especially the lexicographic treatment of language varieties. She has been the chair of the PanSALB's Afrikaans National Language Body (ANLB) since 2020, where she also serves on the Terminology and Lexicography Technical Committee. She is a research fellow at Stellenbosch University's Department of Afrikaans and Dutch, and also serves on the steering committee of ProVARIA (Project on Variation in Afrikaans), as well as the editorial committee of Lexikos, the internationally recognised academic journal for lexicography.



FACILITATOR
Prof Boni Zungu

Professor Boni Zungu is a full Professor and Head of the School of Languages at the University of Johannesburg, Auckland Park. She is an NRF rated scholar of international standing. Her research interests encompass onomastics, sociolinguistics, politics of gender and indigenous knowledge systems. Professor Zungu has made significant contributions in the language field through her publications in local and international journals. Amongst her notable works is the monograph entitled "Zulu Names, Polygyny and Gender Politics in Traditional Societies" published by UKZN Press, and the co-edited volume "Contemporary South African debates on African Languages and the Politics of Gender" published by ESI Press.

