



## **EduWeek with SABC Education powered by Intel: Advancing Educational Knowledge in Africa**

EduWeek with SABC Education powered by Intel is a **free-to-attend** education event which takes place on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand. Visitors to this year's EduWeek conference can look forward to a series of free workshops focused on providing free educational training and development for teachers and educators, as well as one-on-one interaction at the various exhibitor stands.

The theme for EduWeek with SABC Education powered by Intel for 2016 is **Sustainable Development in Education**. Education for Sustainable Development is focused on allowing every human being to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to shape a sustainable future and one cannot mention the future without talking about technology. Technology's role in education is undisputed — it is certainly viewed as an effective means to enable both student and teacher in creating a more engaging learning environment. For many educational institutions though, the question remains how to efficiently use the technology resources available to them. In South Africa currently, where improving education is a nationwide concern, the role of technology is not just a luxury, but perhaps a much needed catalyst.

Leading Education technology provider Intel has once again partnered with EduWeek as the headline sponsor of the event and will showcase its latest developments in innovation, security and technology for inclusive education. The E-Tech Theatre will host Intel's workshop titled, 'Looking at the African Classroom of the Future' where they will explore what the African Classroom of the future will look and the technologies that will be interacted with.

EduWeek are proud to announce Microsoft as Diamond partner this year. Visitors to the Microsoft stand will experience a deep-dive into the complete Microsoft in Education ecosystem. From Minecraft and Xbox through coding, the latest Windows devices and Office 365 as well as previews of exciting new developments such as Microsoft Classroom and OneNote. There will be a live classroom demo theatre where our team will be showing off many of these tools and demo'ing just how great they are to use in the classroom. "The success of the digital transition of education depends on more than devices and connectivity," says Claudia Johnston Education Sector Lead at Microsoft South Africa. "It also requires that learners have access to tools and creative content to get the most out of their lessons while teachers have the support they need to make classes and sessions more memorable, interactive, and relevant for their learners. Teachers are the single most important factor in better education outcomes and at Microsoft, we recognise and support this with our work across the country – hence our participation in EduWeek 2016." Angela Schaerer (Teacher Engagement Manager, Microsoft South Africa) will also be chairing a panel discussion around whether technology will save our schools.

EduWeek with SABC Education powered by Intel takes place on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 6pm at Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand. For more information, visit: [www.educationweek.co.za](http://www.educationweek.co.za)