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**Unlocking Tomorrow's Classrooms: SchoolNet South Africa's Digital Learning Conference Embraces 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education**

From 25 to 27 March 2024, SchoolNet South Africa will host a Digital Learning Conference in collaboration with the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Education Department and Anton Lembede Mathematics, Sciences and Technology (MST) Academy.

The conference, which will be held under the theme *Digital Education for the Future*, reflects the idea that education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century needs to embrace the opportunities and challenges of digital technologies, such as coding, robotics, and artificial intelligence – and to foster the skills and competencies that are essential for the future, such as creativity, innovation, collaboration, and sustainability.

The conference aims to equip teachers with practical experience in integrating digital tools in the classroom, with the understanding that education should be learner-centred, playful, and engaging, and that it should use appropriate and effective assessment strategies to measure and improve learning outcomes.

“What sets the SchoolNet SA conference apart from other EdTech events is the focus on teachers’ learning about best practices, integrating digital tools and collaborative projects from other teachers and international experts, and, experiencing practical, hands-on sessions to try out different tools for teaching and learning,” says SchoolNet SA Executive Director Omashani Naidoo.

“We anticipate that this conference, will inspire teachers to higher levels of innovation, provide them with ideas to be more effective creators of digital learning, and help embed them in professional development networks to support and sustain their excitement for digital learning after the conference.”

Topics to be tackled at the conference include: Coding, Robotics, and Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom; Learning through Play, Assessment Strategies for Digital Learning, Designing Creative and Innovative Learning; and Future-Focused Culture of Sustainable Learning.

About 400 delegates, including educators, school leaders, and representatives from education departments and educational organisations are expected to attend the 2024 SchoolNet South Africa Digital Learning conference.

### **SchoolNet South Africa Digital Learning Conference**

- **Date:** 25 to 27 March 2024
- **Venue:** 9 Posselt Drive, La Mercy, eThekweni, KwaZulu-Natal
- **Attendance fee:** R1200 for three-day conference attendance

*Tickets available at Webticket [here](#).*

All those interested in the future of education are welcome to attend. In addition, SchoolNet South Africa is calling for presentation submissions and exhibitors to apply.

*For more information about the 2024 Digital Learning Conference, please visit the SchoolNet South Africa website:*

<https://www.schoolnet.org.za/conference2024/>

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**About SchoolNet South Africa**

SchoolNet SA is an enabler of positive change in South Africa's education system and champions the use of digital tools in the classroom by both teachers and learners. SchoolNet has been organising conferences on a bi-annual basis on a rotational basis in different provinces for the past 26 years to provide insight into the effective use of technologies for learning and teaching.

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