



OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME RECEPTION PROGRAMME

Date: Monday 06 July 2026

Venue: Jakes Gerwel Hall, University of the Western Cape

TIME	ACTIVITY
18:00 - 18:30	Arrival (Music in foyer)
18:30 - 18:35	Introduction by Master of Ceremonies, Dr Gillian Arendse
18:35 - 18:45	Official Welcome Address on behalf of the host, UWC: Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic, Prof Monwabisi Ralarala, <i>on behalf of UWC Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Robert Balfour</i>
18:45 - 18:55	Official Welcome Address on behalf of the SAIP: President of SAIP, Prof. Eric Maluta
18:55 - 19:00	Musical interlude: UWC Choir
19:00 - 19:10	Opening remarks: Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Innovation, Prof Priscilla Baker
19:10 - 19:20	Introductory remarks: Dean of Natural Sciences, Prof David Holgate
19:20 - 19:25	Musical interlude: UWC Choir
19:25 - 19:30	Introduction of Guest of Honour
19:30 - 19:55	Official Keynote Address: DSTI Director General, Dr Mlungisi Cele
19:55 - 20:00	Musical interlude: UWC Choir
20:00 - 20:10	Vote of Thanks; Announcements to Delegates: SAIP2026 LOC Chair, A/Prof Sally Macfarlane
20:10 - 22:00	Welcome Reception with finger snacks and refreshments: Student Centre