



TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

Commemoration (TDOV) Event

EVENT DETAILS

Monday, 31 March 2025

08:00 - 16:30 SAST

Akanyang Lecture Venue, University of Pretoria

Invited guests: University of Pretoria Staff and students, activists and networking partners of the Centre for Human Rights

Programme



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TIME	 	TOPIC
08:00 – 08:15	 	Registration & Tea/Coffee
08:15 – 08:30	 	Welcome and background to event (Chanel Van Der Linde, <i>SOGIESC Unit Acting Manager</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background to TDOV • CHR & TDOV initiatives • Access to justice and recourse for harm as part of EU project
08:30 – 09:00	 	Message of solidarity on EU & CHR partnership (EU representative)
09:00 – 10:00	 	Keynote address on Trans identities, Campus Culture & Experiences with the Equality Court (Vuyo Mbutho) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges in engaging university leadership • Bridging student activism and national advocacy • Lessons for strengthening trans-inclusive policies and practices on campus and beyond
10:00 – 10:30	 	Screening of 'UP Trans Protocol video (CHR & CSA&G')
10:30 – 10:45	 	Tea Break

Session 1: The Trans Protocol and Campus Realities

10:45 – 12:00	 	Pierre Brouard on the Trans Protocol and its Implementation in University Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical context and development • Policy adoption and institutional challenges • Intersections with broader socio-political issues
12:00 – 13:00	 	Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 | **The Transformation Office on the Trans Protocol – Implementation, Revisions, and Institutional Accountability** (Transformation Office)

- Successes and challenges in policy enforcement
- Feedback from students and staff
- Future directions for policy improvement

Session 2: Institutional Response and Student Advocacy

14:00 – 15:00 | **Panel Discussion: Creating Safer Spaces on campus and Affirming TGD Students** (UP&OUT, House Humanities)

- Student-led advocacy and support networks
- Engaging with institutional policies
- Strategies for sustainable activism
- Reflections on the university context

15:00 – 15:15 | **Tea Break**

15:15 – 16:15 | **'Always on the Edge' report & Advocacy with universities** (Naledi Miguel)

- Findings from the study on residence life & TGD students in SA universities
- Institutional barriers and experiences of TGD students
- Recommendations for inclusive housing policies in conversation with the GDX Model Policy Framework
- Highlighting some of the conversations and reflections from SA universities and the EU Equality Courts conversations

16:15-16:30 | **Closing**