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PROFESSOR MAIJA AKSELA
(UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI)

MRS NALINI DOOKIE
(KZN PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR,
ESKOM EXPO FOR YOUNG
SCIENTISTS)

DR TANJA REINHARDT
(UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL)

VENUE

MARGARET MARTIN LECTURE THEATRE,
EDGEWOOD CAMPUS

DATE

TUES, 13 DECEMBER 2022

TIME

10H00 - 12H00

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Professor Maija Aksela is an internationally recognised Finnish Scientist in Science Education and works with an extensive network of Science Education university, school and community organisations, across Finland and internationally. She launched the Star T Programme with the President of Finland and partner organisations. Star T Programme is an online Global Science Education Competition with two categories – Learner Project -based Awards and also Teacher Practice awards. The Star T Awards received an international STEM education award in 2018.

Dr Tanja Reinhardt holds a PhD in Mineralogy from the Ruhr University of Bochum, Germany. After a short venture into Computer Science, she worked as the curator of the former University of Natal's Geology Education Museum and was seconded to establish the combined Geology Education Museum, and Science & Technology Education Centre at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She currently holds the position as the Science Centre coordinator at STEC@UKZN.

She was one of the major role players in initiating the Umjikelezo We-Science project, a joint venture between museum, science centres and non-profit organisations that takes science to people in rural areas. Her passion for the geosciences won her three awards for "Best workshop: presentation" at the SciFest Africa science festival. In 2019 she was a finalist in the National Science and Technology Forum Award for Communication and Outreach.



Nalini Dookie is the KZN Provincial Coordinator for the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists, an NPO dedicated to the promotion of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Innovation (STEMI) research amongst learners. Her passion for STEMI education started with Expo in 2000, whilst she was still teaching science at a primary school. After 20 years in the teaching profession, she decided to turn her passion into her job. In 2013, she joined the NPO on a full time basis. Dookie is adept at understanding the dynamics of education and how an organisation like the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists can change lives, not only of young people but communities at large, through STEMI engagement. She has a BEd (Hons) in Science Education and is currently working towards a MEd. She loves working in the STEMI space and has created opportunities to make a greater impact on the youth and on the country's STEMI pipeline, as well as building a diverse network of colleagues and friends.