

Invitation

Research and Innovation Week

25 - 29 May 2026

Muckleneuk and Science Campuses

Formal Opening

Monday, 25 May 2026

08:00-09:55

Senate Hall, 2nd Floor Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Muckleneuk Campus



Keynote address

Vukosi Marivate

Professor: Computer Science

ABSA UP Chair of Data Science

University of Pretoria

Prof Marivate specialises in developing Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods to extract insights from data, with a particular focus on the intersection of ML/AI and Natural Language Processing (NLP). His research is dedicated to improving the methods, tools and availability of data for local or low-resource languages.

He is a co-founder of Lelapa AI, an African startup focused on AI for Africans by Africans and a chief investigator on the Masakhane Research Foundation, which aims to develop NLP technologies for African languages.

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