

AI FEST 2025 PROGRAMME

WEEK 1

Date	Day	11:30–12:30 AI Stream	11:30–12:30 AI Stream	17:00 - 18:00 BRICS Stream	17:00 - 18_00 Expert Talks and Industry Stream	17:00-18:00
29 Sep	Mon	Final Arrangements				
30 Sep	Tue	Opening Ceremony				

WHAT IS AI? AND WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

1 Oct	Wed	AI & I: Imagine, Innovate and Inspire with AI AI Sprint Activity 1 (In person) Satellite Campus AI Meme Madness AI Pitch Perfect	AI & I: Imagine, Innovate and Inspire with AI AI Sprint Activity 1 (Per Campus) AI Music Video Mashup AI Lightning Creator Challenge	Masterclass	UIPath Kick Off	Mini Showcase
2 Oct	Thu	AI Sprint Activity 1 (In person) Satellite Campus AI Meme Madness+ AI Elevator Pitch Perfect	AI Sprint Activity 1 (Judging) AI Music Video Mashup AI Lightning Creator Challenge	Masterclass	Expert Talks: Surviving AI On topic or related to topic of the week.	
3 Oct	Fri	No Activities				
4 Oct	Sat	Weekend - No Activities				
5 Oct	Sun	Weekend - No Activities				

EXPERT TALKS

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Date	Day	11:00 - 12:00	17:00 - 18:00
30 Sep	Tue		Opening Ceremony Join
1 Oct	Wed	Expert Talk Carike Botha - iSolve Types of AI Join Showcase Prof Wei Zheng Intelligent Management of Steep Slope Vinyards, a Case Study Join	Join Jan Mentz AI Tools to use for Learning
2 Oct	Thu	Expert Talk Denise Wilson - Eduvos Prompting Engineering: Intelligent Conversations with AI Join	

HOW CAN AI BE USED RESPONSIBLY?

6 Oct	Mon	AI Sprint activity 1 (Judging) AI Meme Madness+ AI Elevator Pitch Perfect	AI Sprint activity 1 (Judging) AI Music Video Mashup AI Lightning Creator Challenge	Masterclass	Mini Showcase
7 Oct	Tue	AI Challenge 1 (Per Satellite campus) AI Study Buddy – Guiding, Not Giving Answers		Expert Talks Talk related to topic of week.	UIPath
8 Oct	Wed	NDUSTRY CONNECT – COMPULSORY FOR ALL 3RD YEARS. ONLY 1ST AND 2ND YEARS TO PARTICIPATE IN AI FEST!	AI Sprint Activity 2 AI Lesson Remix AI Ethics Storytellers AI Game Concept Art Challenge	Masterclass	Mini Showcase
9 Oct	Thu	AI Sprint Activity 2 (Judging) AI Lesson Remix AI Ethics Storytellers AI Game Concept Art Challenge		Expert Talk	
10 Oct	Fri	No Activities			
11 Oct	Sat	Weekend - No Activities			
12 Oct	Sun	Weekend - No Activities			

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6 Oct	Mon	Expert Talk Allan Peard - Microsoft MVP Think Big, Type Less: Coding with AI Mastery Join	Expert Talk Bruno Combria ASReview for Systematic Literature Review Join
7 Oct	Tue	Expert Talk Laudette Sass - Open Window Briefing with Confidence: Fostering Double Literacy for Ethical and Critical AI Use in the Classroom Join	Expert Talk Showcase Jacqui Muller - Belgium Campus Practical Implementation of Multi – Agent Systems Join Werner Cordier - World Health Organisation GenAI as an appropriate and ethical academic work buddy Join
9 Oct	Thu	Expert Talk Jacqui Muller - Belgium Campus Use AI to Create Businesses Join	

WHERE AND WHEN IS AI APPROPRIATE TO USE

13 Oct	Mon	Co-Create with AI AI Sprint Activity 3 (Per Campus) 1. AI Visual Explainer Challenge 2. AI Fandom Crossover	BRICS	Expert Talk
14 Oct	Tue	AI Sprint Activity 3 (Per Campus) 1. AI Visual Explainer Challenge 2. AI Fandom Crossover	Mini Showcase: Everyday Intelligence – AI for all? Preparing for lessons, setting papers?	
15 Oct	Wed	AI by my side AI Challenge 2 1. AI Digital Twin Challenge 2. AI Study Buddy 2.0 — The Coach Edition 3. Ai Department Fixer Challenge	BRICS	UIPath
16 Oct	Thu	AI Challenge 1 Judging (Per Satellite Campus) AI Study Buddy – Guiding, Not Giving Answers	Expert Talks	
17 Oct	Fri	AI Challenge 1 Judging (Per Satellite Campus) AI Study Buddy – Guiding, Not Giving Answers		
18 Oct	Sat	Weekend - No Activities		
19 Oct	Sun	Weekend - No Activities		

EXPERT TALKS

WEEK 3

Date	Day	11:00 - 12:00	17:00 - 18:00
13 Oct	Mon	Expert Talk Japie Greeff - Belgium Campus The International Standards of AI (BRICS) Join	Expert Talk Safia Salam - Open Window Ethics / Ethical Considerations Join
14 Oct	Tue	Expert Talk JT Janse van Rensburg - Optentia Research Unit, North-West University Exploring AI in Research Join	Expert Talk Amos Anele - Eduvos The Role of Data in AI Join
15 Oct	Wed	Expert Talk Japie Greeff - Belgium Campus Notebook LM in Lit Review Join	
16 Oct	Thu	Expert Talk Lance Bunt - North West University IP in AI Research Join	

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WEEK 4

20 Oct	Mon		Unlock the Power of You with AI Mini Showcase – Alumni/Industry (3 or 4 participants – 10 min each and 20 mins for questions)	
21 Oct	Tue	AI Challenge 2 (Per Satellite Campus Judging) 1. AI Digital Twin Challenge 2. AI Study Buddy 2.0 — The Coach Edition 3. AI Department Fixer Challenge	BRICS	Expert Talks
22 Oct	Wed	AI Challenge 2 (Per Satellite Campus Judging) 1. AI Digital Twin Challenge 2. AI Study Buddy 2.0 — The Coach Edition 3. AI Department Fixer Challenge		UIPath Certification
23 Oct	Thu	Finalise and organize with finalists for AI Fest celebration week	Expert Talks	
24 Oct	Fri	No Activities		
25 Oct	Sat		BRICS Closing Ceremony	
26 Oct	Sun	Weekend - No Activities		

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20 Oct	Mon	Expert Talk Florin Grigorescu - UiPath Agentic AI Join	
21 Oct	Tue	Expert Talk Nicola Mawson - ITWeb AI's Impact on the Rise of Cyber Attacks Join Denise Wilson - Eduvos Perceptions on AI-disclosure in Higher Education Landscapes Join	

CELEBRATE AI FEST ACHIEVEMENTS

27 Oct	Mon	AI Sprint Activity 1, 2 and 3 (Per Inter-Campus) Judging	Celebrate winners of First, Second and Thirs Sprint Challenge – Showcase their sprint activity (1,2,3 Places present)
28 Oct	Tue	AI Challenge 1(Inter-Campus) Judging	AI Challenge 1(Inter-Campus) Judging
29 Oct	Wed	AI Challenge 2(Inter-Campus) Judging	Celebrate winners of Advanced AI Activity 1
30 Oct	Thu	Finalizing all organizing of Showcase Event on 31 October	Celebrate winners of Advanced AI Activity 2
31 Oct	Fri	08:00 - 16:00 AI Showcase Day – Fun, Stalls, Exhibitions etc. Prizes – Most badges, AI Sprint and AI Advanced Activities, Best AI Space	