



The 16th African Regional Workshop of The International Society for The Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)

*Theme: "Cultural Resilience and Responsive
Interventions: Bridging Modernity and
Indigenous Wisdom in Addressing Africa's
Challenges."*



Dates: 5–7 August 2025



Venue: Birchwood Hotel, Johannesburg,
South Africa.



Introduction: About ISSBD

The International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) is a truly international organization founded in 1969. With a focus on people, places, and practices, we unite developmentalists of all backgrounds in a science that cares. ISSBD has membership in over 70 countries around the world. Members share common interests in understanding and applying diverse perspectives of human development from an array of disciplines and approaches. For more information, visit <https://issbd.org/>

Why Regional Workshops?

ISSBD Regional Workshops are designed to promote and advance behavioral development research. They create a platform for early career scholars, particularly from developing countries, to engage with experts and peers in developmental science.



The 16th ISSBD African Regional Workshop

The 16th ISSBD African Regional Workshop will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 5-7 August 2025. This workshop will focus on the theme "*Cultural Resilience and Responsive Interventions: Bridging Modernity and Indigenous Wisdom in Addressing Africa's Challenges*." It will serve as a crucial event for scholars to explore innovative solutions for Africa's unique developmental issues. The workshop provides an opportunity for both senior and early career scholars to engage in critical discussions, fostering a deeper understanding of cultural resilience, modernity, and indigenous knowledge.

Workshop Details

- Dates: 5–7 August 2025
- Venue: Birchwood Hotel, near OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Abstract Submission Deadline: 18 April 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: 25 April 2025
- Conference Registration: Free (but requires ISSBD membership)

Workshop Structure

We will have renowned senior scholars who will deliver keynote addresses and lead discussions, and the early career scholars will present posters or short papers.



Invitation to Submit Abstracts

We invite scholars, particularly early-career researchers, to submit abstracts for the 16th ISSBD African Regional Workshop. This year's workshop will focus on *Cultural Resilience and Responsive Interventions: Bridging Modernity and Indigenous Wisdom in Addressing Africa's Challenges*.

If your research aligns with the theme or sub-themes outlined below, we strongly encourage you to submit your abstract for consideration.



Sub-themes:

- Introduction to culturally based research approaches.
- Adopting interdisciplinary perspectives on intervention research (e.g., involving public health and developmental science experts)
- Bridging modernity and cultural response interventions to address climate challenges.
- Using cultural approaches to enhance inclusivity for youth with disabilities.
- Interventions in early childhood development as support for cultural identity.
- The role of Indigenous knowledge in sustaining cultural identity.
- Resilience, intersectionality, ubuntu, and social justice
- Safety, migration, economic issues, and youth involvement in Africa's search for interventions in creating resilient communities.



Submission Process

All abstracts must be submitted via the following emails:

✉ Submit Your Abstract to:

- Dr Lindokuhle Mkhuma- mkhumi@unisa.ac.za
- Dr Linet Imbosa Muhati- imbosalin2@gmail.com

CC:

- comms@issbd.org

Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of senior scholars after the submission deadline.

Membership & Registration

- All participants must be current registered members of ISSBD.
- Membership is available through country or regional ISSBD representatives.
- Conference registration is free.
- Non-members whose abstracts are accepted will be expected to register as ISSBD members for the regional workshop.
- Join ISSBD: <https://issbd.org/membership/joining-issbd/>