PROGRAMME

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07h30-08h00 ***Registration desk hosted by*** chempure

07h30-08h00 ***Arrival Tea/*Coffee**

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Session 1 hosted by Sensetek
9 Sep 2026 - DAY 1

Chairpersons:	Beverley Gardner, Skyem, South Africa Stephanie Gompel-Ratsiane, dsm-firmenich, South Africa
08h15- 08h30	***Welcome Address*** Stephanie Gompel-Ratsiane, dsm-firmenich, South Africa President, Coschem 2026
08h30-09h00	***KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Demystifying Skin Care and Cosmetics for the Next Generation*** Vivey Phasha, CSIR, South Africa
09h00–09h30	***From Consumer Needs to Clinical Proof: Building an African Beauty Ingredient Toolbox Through Local Skin Research*** Shannon Attwell, Symrise, South Africa
09h30–10h00	***Multi-Targeted Therapeutic Potential of Medicinal Plants in Skin Ageing and Repair*** Karabelo Theledi, University of Pretoria, South Africa
10h00-10h03	***Marketing slot***
10h03–10h30	***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

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Session 2 hosted by Orchem
9 Sep 2026 - DAY 1

ORCHEM
REDA Chemicals Group

Chairpersons:	Beverley Gardner, Skyem, South Africa Ange Lukoki, Chempure, South Africa
10h30-11h00	***Scalp Barrier Function, Sebum Dynamics, and Hair Fiber Characteristics in Natural hair vs Braided Hair Wearers in South African Women: A Comparative 56-Day Study*** Avuya Gqoba, L'Oréal R&I SSA, South Africa
11h00-12h30	***Workshop Session***
12h30-13h00	***Targeting Neuro Pigmentation: A Bio inspired approach to Restore Neuro Cutaneous communication for improved Skin Tone and Longevity*** Sonia Guillaume, SOLABIA, France
13h00-13h03	***Marketing slot*** L'ORÉAL RESEARCH & INNOVATION SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
13h03-14h00	***LUNCH BREAK*** unichem SERVICES (PTY) LTD

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Session 3 hosted by Evonik
9 Sep 2026 - DAY 1

EVONIK
Leading Beyond Chemistry

Chairpersons:	Beverley Gardner, Skyem, South Africa Lesego Malepe, Croda, South Africa
14h00-14h30	***Green Empire: From Traditional Plants to Thriving Entrepreneurships*** Namrita Lall, University of Pretoria, South Africa
14h30-15h00	***The Mechanics of Makeup: The Art of Technology in Application*** Tiffany Wilson, MakeUpSkill, South Africa
15h00-15h03	***Marketing slot*** EVONIK Leading Beyond Chemistry
15h03 – 15h30	***TEA/COFEE BREAK***

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Session 4
9 Sep 2026 - DAY 1

Chairpersons: Beverley Gardner, Skyem, South Africa
Percy Sibanda, African Cosmetic Regulatory Intelligence, South Africa

15h30- 16h00 ***Ethical and Traditional Dimensions in Sustainable Cosmetic Innovation: Rooted in Nature and Driven by Science***
Evonne Malefo, Croda, South Africa

16h00-16h30 ***Petroleum Jelly, A New Perspective with Synthetic and Natural South African Raw Materials***
Alicia Lutchman,Cirebelle Fine Chemicals, South Africa

16h30-16h33 ***Marketing slot***

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16h33 onwards
Industry Mixer hosted by

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Session 5 hosted by L'Oréal R&I SSA
10 Sep 2026 - DAY 2

L'ORÉAL
RESEARCH
& INNOVATION
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

07h00-07h40	***Registration desk hosted by*** chempure
07h00-07h50	***Arrival Tea/Coffee***
Chairpersons:	Beverley Gardner, Skyem, South Africa Shannon Attwell, Symrise, South Africa
07h50-08h00	***Welcome***
08h00-08h30	***Hydrolyzed Hyaluronic Acid - Amino Acid Complex: Targeting 'Neuro Skin Ageing' to restore Skin Youth and Sensory Perception*** Anuradha Jurbandhan, The CareCo, South Africa
08h30–09h00	***The Change Factory: A Systematic Behavioural Design Methodology for Sustainable Beauty Product Experiences — A Method with Global Relevance for the African Beauty Blueprint*** Poonam Sewraj, L'Oréal R&I SSA, South Africa
09h00–10h00	***Debate Session***
10h00–10h30	***From Research to Retail: Integrating Regulatory and Scientific Valorisation Considerations into the Cosmetic Product Lifecycle*** Percy Sibanda, African Cosmetic Regulatory Intelligence, South Africa
10h30-10h33	***Marketing slot*** PETERS Paper and Chemical Suppliers
10h33–11h00	***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

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Session 6 hosted by Velden Botanicals
10 Sep 2026 - DAY 2

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Chairpersons: Beverley Gardner, Skyem, South Africa
Nontokozo Masuku, AECI Specialty Chemicals, South Africa

11h00-11h30 ***Bond Aid and Scalp vitality with Yeast-Derived Peptide Complex***
Viviana Sanchez, dsm-firmenich, Dubai, UAE

11h30-12h00 ***Arabica Peptide: From Coffee grounds to Scalp Care, Discover an Upcycled, AI-Designed biological Active with Clinical Proof***
Anup Thakur, Syensqo, India

12h00–12h30 ***From Desert to Skin Repair: Kalahari Tsamma Melon as an emerging African Botanical for Skin Health***
Andile Marima, University of Pretoria, South Africa

12h30-13h00 ***Top 2 W/shop Teams Winning presentations***

13h00-13h03 ***Marketing slot*** VELDEN

13h03-14h00 ***LUNCH BREAK*** EVONIK Leading Beyond Chemistry

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Session 7 hosted by Mane
10 Sep 2026 - DAY 2

Chairpersons: Beverley Gardner, Skyem, South Africa
Lee-Ann Raaff SMU, South Africa

14h00-14h30 ***Optimized Synergistic Interaction Gel (SIG) Technology: A Method-Driven Evaluation of a High-Performance Natural Gelling System***
Sonia Guillaume, SOLABIA, France

14h30-15h00 ***Beyond Cleansing: Multifunctional Glycolipids for Advanced Personal Care Formulations***
Jacques Strydom, Evonik Africa

15h00-15h30 ***Targeting Neurogenic Inflammation in Climate-Stressed Skin: A Neurocosmetic approach based on organic Scutellaria Alpina***
Viviana Sanchez, dsm-firmenich, Dubai, UAE

15h30-15h45 ***Winning Debate Team Announcement & Closing Address***
Lee-Ann Raaff, SMU, South Africa
Vice President, Coschem 2026

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POSTER

Natural Emulsifying with Biomimetic Clinical Benefits,
Janine Fitzpatrick, The CareCo, South Africa

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AECI Specialty Chemicals	Host industry mixer incl selfie box - 9 Sep 2026
Chempure	Host registration desk 9 & 10 Sep 2026 Goody bags
Complife	Host mid-morning tea – 9 Sep 2026
Croda	Marketing slot session 4
Evonik	Host session 3 & marketing slot session 3 Host luncheon on 10 Sep 2026
Fourchem	Note pads & pens
Formula Invest Group	Conference programme
H&R	Digital abstract book
L'Oréal R&I SSA	Host VR Lounge – 9 & 10 Sep 2026 Marketing slot session 2 – 9 Sep 2026 Host session 5 -10 Sep 2026
Mane	Host session 7
Orchem	Host session 2
Peters Chemicals	Marketing slot session 5
SAFIC Alcan	Delegate bags
Sensetek	Host session 1
Sunfactor Labs	Lanyards
Unichem	Host luncheon on 9 Sep 2026
Velden Botanicals	Host session 6 Marketing slot session 6

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