

Evidence-Based Policing South Africa Conference 2025: How to achieve measurable change

27–28 October 2025
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

Draft programme

Monday 27 October		
08:30	Registration	
09:00	Welcome	Dr Marianne Camerer – Member of ISS Board of Trustees and Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Town Hanns Bühler – Regional Resident Representative Southern Africa, Hanns Seidel Foundation
09:15	Using evidence to solve policing problems	Dr Anine Kriegler – Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies
09:30	Keynote: The future of policing in South Africa	Hon. Firoz Cachalia, Acting Minister of Police
10:00	Session 1: Next steps for measurably improving police effectiveness	Maj Gen Leon Rabie – Head: Strategic Management, South African Police Service Thulani Sibuyi – Secretary for Police Service Prof Irvin Kinnes – Associate Professor, University of Cape Town <i>Moderator: Adv Mike Pothier – Programme Manager, Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office</i>
11:30	Break	

12:00	Session 2: Police oversight and accountability	1. Ian Cameron – Chair, Portfolio Committee on Police 2. Thuso Keefelakae – Acting National Head of Investigations, Independent Police Investigative Directorate 3. Maj Gen (Ret) Oswald Reddy – Western Cape Provincial Police Ombudsman 4. David Bruce – Consultant, Institute for Security Studies <i>Moderator: Ziyanda Stuurman – Advisor: Insights and Advocacy, Africa Practice</i>
13:30	Lunch	
14:30	Session 3: Embedding EBP: What are the institutional building blocks?	1. Dr Vanya Gastrow – Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies 2. Maj Gen (Dr) Gerrit Schwartz – Head: Component Research, South African Police Service 3. Dr Andrew Faull – Head: Operational Support, Safety & Security, City of Cape Town 4. Prof Cody Telep – Associate Professor & Associate Director of the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University – <i>online</i> <i>Moderator: Dr Anine Kriegler – Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies</i>
16:00	End of day 1	

Tuesday 28 October		
08:30	Registration	
09:00	Session 4: Making multilevel cooperation work? Lessons from practice	1. Ugeshni Naidoo – Senior Manager: Community Safety and Asset Protection, South African Local Government Association 2. Maj Gen Luyanda Damoyi – Deputy Provincial Commissioner of the Western Cape, South African Police Service

		3. Amanda Dissel – Director: Policy and Research, Western Cape Government 4. Johannes Brand – Deputy Chief: Law Enforcement, Safety and Security, City of Cape Town <i>Moderator: Dr Anine Kriegler – Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies</i>
10:30	Break	
11:00	Session 5: Integrating criminal justice system responses to organised crime	1. Adv Mervyn Menigo – Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Organised Crime Component, Western Cape, National Prosecuting Authority 2. Julian Rademeyer – Director of Organised Crime Observatory (East & Southern Africa), Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime 3. Bernhard Egger – Assistant Detective Chief Constable (Ret), formerly with the Bavarian State Office of Crime Investigation <i>Moderator: Lawson Naidoo – Executive Secretary, Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution</i>
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Session 6: Reducing firearm violence: What works?	1. Brig Lesetja Simon Bopape – Section Head: Firearm Compliance and Enforcement Firearms, Liquor and Second-Hand Goods, South African Police Service 2. Adv Louise Friester-Sampson – Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Western Cape Division, National Prosecuting Authority 3. Prof Philip Cook – ITT/Stanford Professor Emeritus of Public Policy and Professor Emeritus of Economics, Duke University – <i>online</i> <i>Moderator: Lizette Lancaster – Head: Justice and Violence Prevention Programme, Institute for Security Studies</i>
15:00	Closing remarks	Dr Marianne Camerer
15:15	End	