



IORA DAY 2026 WEBINAR

*Knowledge Bridges to Catalyse Connectivity
Across the Indian Ocean*

 4 March 2026 |  12-1pm SAST / 2-3pm MAU / 6-7pm Perth

This webinar showcases the role of the Indian Ocean Rim Association's academic networks, including Indian Ocean University Network (UNIOR), in advancing regional cooperation, sustainable development, and strengthened ocean governance. Speakers will highlight how member institutions foster collaboration, academic exchange, and deeper knowledge of the Indian Ocean region.



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| Time (SAST) | Session | Speaker |
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| 12:00 – 12:05 | Welcome | Prof Christopher Isike, HOD Political Sciences, University of Pretoria |
| 12:05 – 12:10 | Opening Remarks | Ms Zelda Vrolick, Director, IORA Secretariat |
| 12:10 – 12:15 | Opening Remarks | DSTI Representative |
| 12:15 – 12:20 | Opening Remarks | Mr KGame Molohe, SA IORAG Chair, North West University |
| 12:20 – 12:35 | Keynote Presentation <i>(UNIOR focus)</i> | Associate Professor David Mickler, Curtin University |
| 12:35 – 12:45 | Presentation – UP Ocean Regions Programme | Dr Sonja Theron, University of Pretoria |
| 12:45 – 12:50 | Reflection | Ms Ruth Kasanga, University of Pretoria |
| 12:50 – 12:55 | Reflection | Ms Urvashi Appiah, IORA Secretariat |
| 12:55 – 13:00 | Closing | Ms Nicole du Plessis, SAEON / SA IORAG Secretariat |