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# Welcome to **CAPE TOWN**

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# Greetings to the Open edX community & welcome to Cape Town!

This year marks an important evolution of the Open edX conference. While the Open edX project and platform have had global participation and reach, this is the first time we have hosted the conference outside of North America and Europe. While our platform strives to make education accessible to everyone, everywhere, the conference wasn't as accessible to some members of our community as it might have been. It's time to fix that.

Cape Town was an obvious choice given the vibrant EdTech ecosystem here including long-standing members of our community 2U and Construct Education. However, planning a conference half-way around the world is not easy and we could not have done it without the encouragement and support of Construct Education.

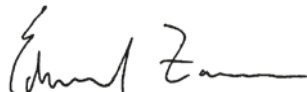
The past year has been one of great change and opportunity for our project. By the time we convene in Cape Town, the 18th edition of the Open edX platform, Redwood, will be released. This release is special because it represents the first time that we trialed an end-to-end, community led process for planning, executing and delivering a release. We are, of course, a community of learning so we will continue to learn and improve for the Sumac release and beyond.

This year has also been marked by some turmoil. Founding community members, 2U – the parent company of edX –, faced some strong headwinds and reduced their contributions to maintenance of the platform. It's no surprise to me that our vibrant Do-ocratic community stepped forward to ensure the work continues to get done.

We will face still more challenges in the coming year, I'm sure each of you has some in mind, but it gives me great confidence that we'll face them together.

I would like to extend the warmest thanks to everyone who helped make this conference happen: Construct Education, Wesgro, University of Stellenbosch, all of our sponsors, and the super star organizing team.

**My Best,**



**Ed Zarecor** | Chair of the Open edX Technical Oversight Committee

# High-Level Schedule

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

8:45

## Registration & Coffee

- Registration desk - front foyer, main entrance
- Coffee - Courtyard hospitality tent

10:00 - 12:00

## Morning Workshops

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor

12:00 - 13:30

## Lunch

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor

13:30 - 15:30

## Afternoon Workshops

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor

15:30 - 16:00

## Coffee Break

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor

16:00 - 17:00

## Birds of a Feather

Unstructured time where conference attendees propose topics they'd like to discuss, and other attendees "flock together" for meaningful conversation. Propose a topic, or peruse proposals on the sign-up sheet by the registration desk.

- Van Der Sterr Rooms and Courtyard - see sign-up posters for locations by topic

## Continued from the 13:30 session: Deep Dive Into the Open edX Platform's Competitive Standing & Future Enhancement

- Van Der Sterr 1003 - ground floor

17:00 - 19:00

## Welcome Reception

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor

# Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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**8:45**

## **Registration & Coffee**

- Registration desk - front foyer, main entrance
  - Coffee - Courtyard hospitality tent
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**10:00 - 12:00**

## **Welcome and Keynote**

Keynote by Hatim Eltayeb, CEO, African Leadership Academy, followed by "Building Bridges: Scaling Access to High-Quality Education" a roundtable discussion

- Van Der Sterr 2121, 2nd floor
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**12:00 - 13:15**

## **Lunch**

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor
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**13:15 - 14:00**

## **Breakout Sessions**

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor
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**14:15 - 15:00**

## **Breakout Sessions**

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor
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**15:00 - 15:30**

## **Coffee Break**

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor
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**15:15 - 16:00**

## **Birds of a Feather**

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**16:00 - 16:45**

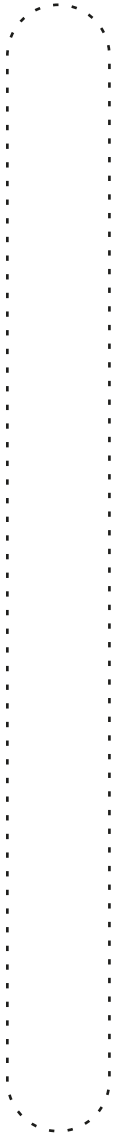
## **Breakout Sessions**

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor
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**19:00 - 21:00**

## **Open edX 2024 Banquet**

- Stellenbosch Town Hall, 26 Andringa Street, Stellenbosch Central, Stellenbosch, 7600



# Thursday, July 4, 2024

**8:45**

## Registration & Coffee

- Registration desk - front foyer, main entrance
- Coffee - Courtyard hospitality tent

**10:00 - 12:00**

## Keynote and State of Open edX

Plenary: Keynote by Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Stellenbosch University followed by The State of Open edX

- Van Der Sterr 2121, 2nd floor

**12:00 - 13:00**

## Lunch

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor

**13:15 - 14:00**

## Breakout Sessions

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor

**14:15 - 15:00**

## Breakout Sessions

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor

**15:00- 15:30**

## Coffee Break

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor

**15:30- 16:15**

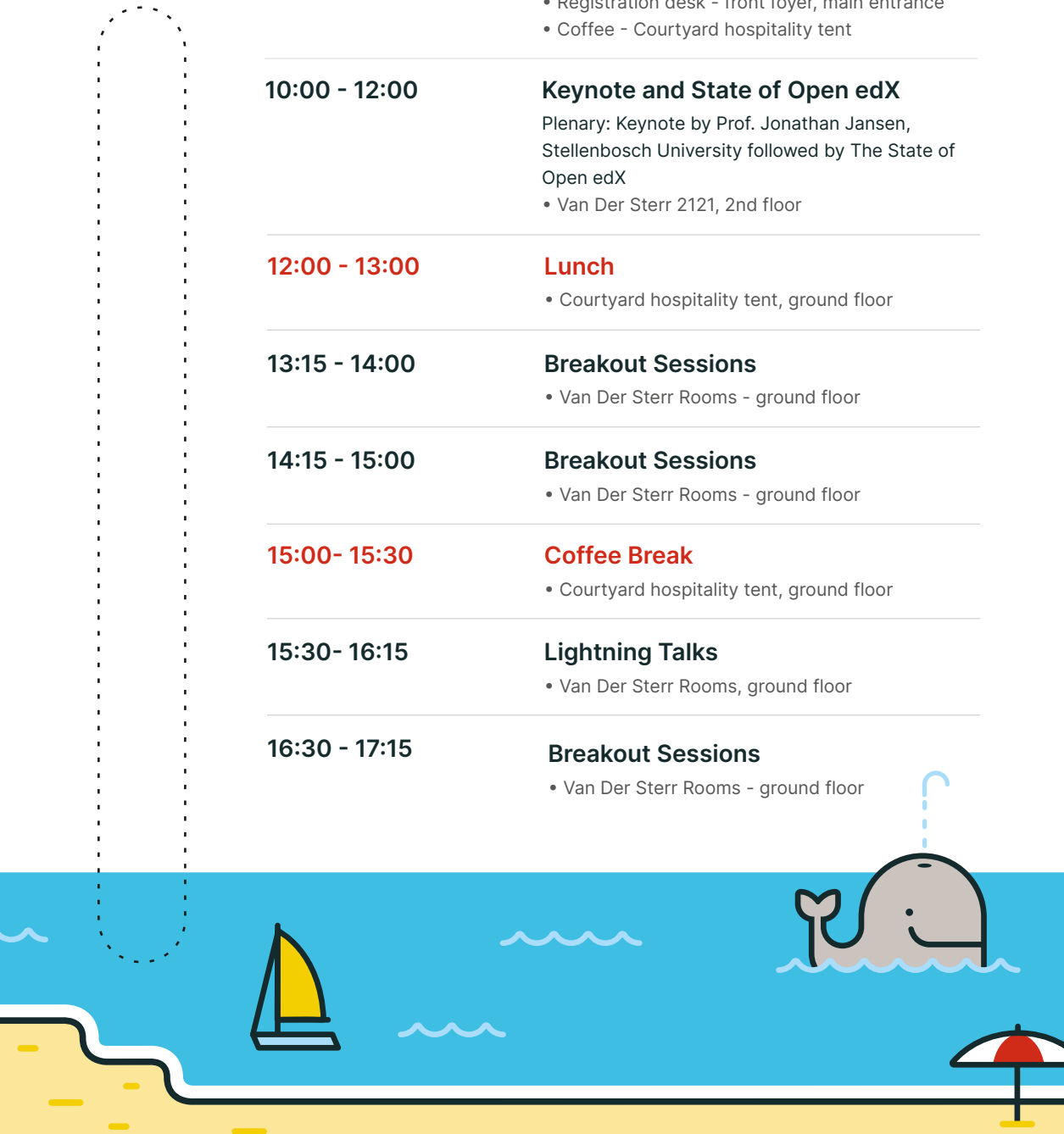
## Lightning Talks

- Van Der Sterr Rooms, ground floor

**16:30 - 17:15**

## Breakout Sessions

- Van Der Sterr Rooms - ground floor



**Friday, July 5, 2024**

**9:00**

### **Coffee and Tea**

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor

**10:00 - 11:30**

### **Founders Lounge**

A chance for new and aspiring EdTech founders to connect with veteran founders and advisors. Includes a roundtable discussion, Q&A, and informal networking with resources from incubators, funders, and tech companies to provide insight on new ventures.

- Van Der Sterr 1033, ground floor

### **Open edX Office Hours**

Axim staff and community members will be on hand to help with your Open edX platform questions

- Van Der Sterr 1032, ground floor

**11:45 - 12:45**

### **Lunch**

- Courtyard hospitality tent, ground floor

**13:00 - 14:30**

### **Open edX Town Hall**

A chance to propose and discuss topics that pertain to the entire Open edX community. Open to all community members. Members of the Technical Oversight Committee (TOC) will be present to listen, answer questions and give their perspectives.

- Van Der Sterr 2121, 2nd floor

**14:30 - 15:00**

### **Closing Remarks & Piñata**

- Van Der Sterr 2121, 2nd floor

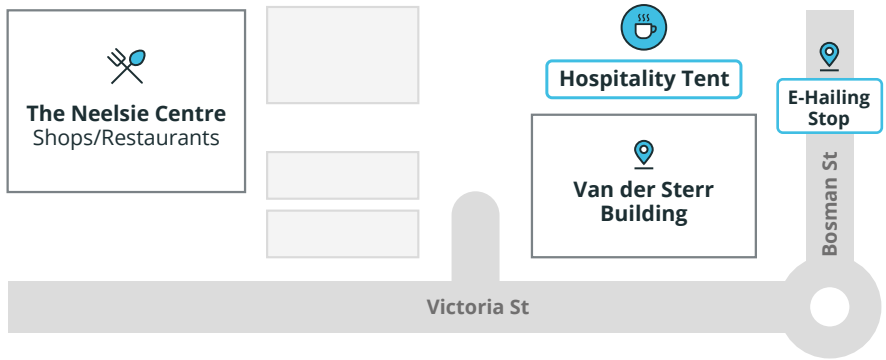


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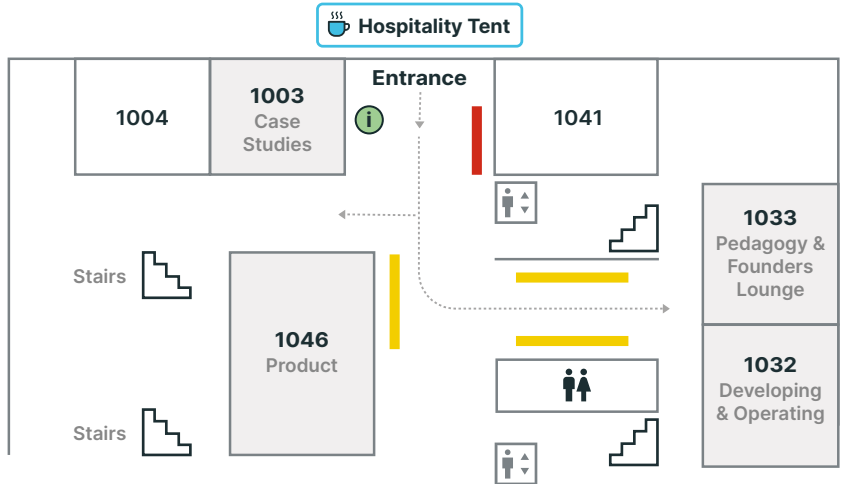


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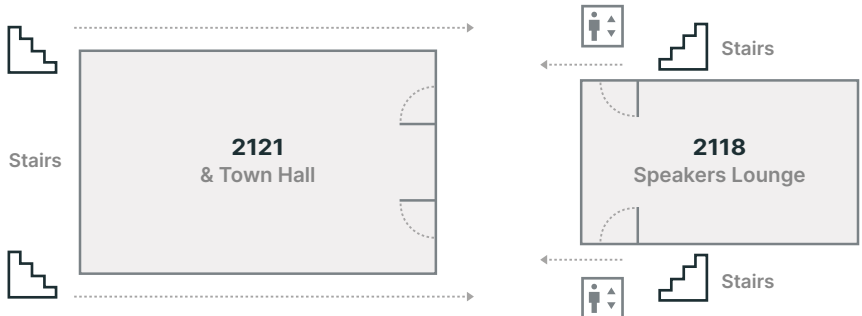


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