

## Rethinking literacy and pedagogic agency in the 4th Industrial Revolution

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Gauteng

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## Professor Tshilidzi Marwala



Professor Marwala is an accomplished scholar with multidisciplinary research interests including the theory and application of artificial intelligence to engineering, computer science, finance, social science and medicine. He has an extensive track record in human capacity development and has published 23 books on artificial intelligence. Professor Marwala is the Vice-chancellor and Principal of the University of Johannesburg and before that he was the Deputy Vice-chancellor for Research and Internationalisation and Executive Dean of Engineering and the Built Environment, both at the University of Johannesburg. He is the Chair of the Africa Health Research Institute, a member of the Namibian 4IR Task Team and trustee of the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

## Professor Carole Bloch

Professor Bloch is an Extraordinary Professor in Language Education (University of the Western Cape) and Executive Director, Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa (PRAESA). She was the co-founder and leader of the Nal'ibali Campaign (2011-2015) during which time PRAESA received the 2014 IBBY Asahi Award for reading promotion. In 2015 PRAESA became the laureate of the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) for its 20 years of developing children's literature and reading promotion. In 2017, Professor Bloch was inducted into the Reading Hall of Fame. She served on the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) International Committee 2016-2020 and was Vice President for two years. Professor Bloch was a member of the South African Minister of Basic Education's Reading Advisory Committee in 2019. She is currently a visiting scholar in Germany at Hamburg University Faculty of Education with the Literacy in Diversity Settings (LiDS) project.

