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Welcome to Student X Industry Connect 2026

Housekeeping Updates

Please keep your **mics muted** and **your cameras off**.

If you have any general questions along the way, **pop them into the chat**.

The recording and presentations from today will also be made available afterwards on the **AFSUG website**, under *Events / Student x Industry Connect*.

Aim and Objective

To manage expectations upfront — **today is not about how to get a job at SAP.**

It's about giving you a better understanding of **SAP, the technology, the ecosystem and the opportunities available to you** — and perhaps even opening your eyes to a career path you haven't considered before.

Before we begin, I would like to extend a big **thank you to all our speakers** for giving their time to be here today and, most importantly, for being willing to share their knowledge and experience with you.

Day 1 – 29 September 2026 | Tuesday | 12:00 – 14:00



Time		Dur	Topic Focus	Key Points	Speaker s
12:00	12:15	00:15	Welcome by AFSUG SAP.	SAP welcome; series objectives; house rules.	Amanda Gibbs – AFSUG De Wet Naude – SAP William Mathosa - SAP
12:15	12:45	00:30	Motivational Keynote.	Motivational address on thriving in the digital economy.	Kagiso Hlabahlaba Sanlam SAP Alumni
12:45	13:05	00:20	SAP's Strategy and the Autonomous Enterprise.	Intelligent, networked and sustainable enterprise; where Business AI fits.	Stanley Dube - SAP
13:05	13:10	00:05		Short Break	
13:10	13:30	00:20	Business AI in Action across SAP Solutions.	Business AI, Joule, Agents and AI Everywhere.	Eshaanan Gounden - SAP
13:30	13:35	00:05		Short Break	
13:35	13:50	00:15	Skills Development: Pathways and Hands-On Learning.	Free learning journeys; student certifications; SAP Community.	Aderinola Oloruntoye – SAP De Wet Naude – SAP
13:50	14:00	00:10	Wrap-Up.	Key takeaways, next steps and resources.	William Mathosa SAP

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DAY ONE

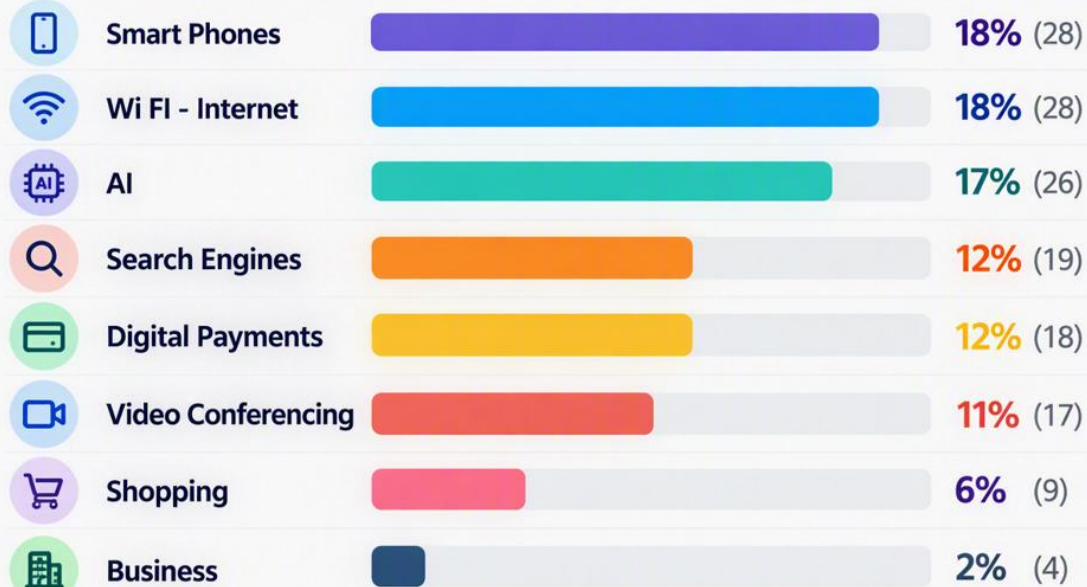
SAP Technology and the Future of Business.

How Many Technologies have **YOU** already used today?

Attendee Responses | Technology Touchpoints Throughout the Day



EVERYDAY
PEOPLE.
EXTRAORDINARY
TECHNOLOGY.



Total responses captured:

149



KEY TAKEAWAY

The survey highlights how deeply technology is embedded in everyday life. **Smartphones, Internet connectivity, and Artificial Intelligence** emerged as the most frequently used technologies, demonstrating that modern digital experiences are increasingly connected, mobile, and AI-enabled.

Technology today. A brighter tomorrow.

CONNECT | ENABLE | EMPOWER

Connect.Create.Collaborate.

Day 2 – 30 September 2026 | Wednesday | 12:00 – 14:00

Time			Topic Focus	Key Points	Speaker s
12:00	12:25	00:25	Career Opportunities in the SAP EcoSystem.	SAP career and ecosystem opportunities.	De Wet Naude - SAP
12:25	12:50	00:25	Consulting – Skills in Demand.	Immediate and medium-term skill needs.	Panel Amanda Gibbs – AFSUG Omeshnee Naidoo – Deloitte Jhani Coetzee - EPI-USE LABS
12:50	12:55	00:05		Short Break	
12:55	13:20	00:25	Customer Spotlight – Digital Transformation Journeys.	Business context; SAP solutions; talent expectations.	Bruce Reddy - Heineken
13:20	13:25	00:05		Short Break	
13:25	13:50	00:25	The SAP Ecosystem Explained.	How SAP, partners and customers deliver value.	Estelle de Beer Head of ICA - AFRICA - SAP
13:50	14:00	00:10	Wrap-Up.	Key takeaways, next steps and resources.	William Mathosa SAP

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DAY TWO

The SAP Eco-System & Career Opportunities.

What do **you** feel you need most to move your career forward?

Attendee Responses | Career Development Priorities



PEOPLE.
OPPORTUNITIES.
BRIGHTER
FUTURES.



Total responses captured:

30



KEY TAKEAWAY

The survey highlights that **professional networking** is viewed as the most important factor for career advancement, receiving the highest percentage of responses (**22%**). Participants also identified practical experience, exposure to opportunities, and mentorship as critical enablers of growth. The results suggest that while technical skills remain valuable, career progression is perceived to be driven more strongly by **relationships, visibility, and real-world experience**.

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Day 3 – 01 October 2026 | Thursday | 12:00 – 14:00

Time			Topic Focus	Key Points	Speaker s
12:00	12:20	00:20	Building a Professional Narrative.	Craft your story; highlight projects, internships and community contributions.	Aveena Mothilal - Twinnings
12:20	12:40	00:20	Interview Skills.	Preparation, professional appearance, confidence, communication skills, attitude, body language.	Richard Fritz - Heineken
12:40	12:45	00:05		Short Break	
12:45	13:05	00:20	LinkedIn and Digital Footprint Optimisation.	Profile essentials; showcasing projects/GitHub; recommendations; content strategy; outreach etiquette.	Amanda Gibbs – AFSUG Tejal Somaru - EY
13:05	13:25	00:20	Work Readiness – What Employers Expect.	Stakeholder communication; presentation skills; meeting hygiene; working on global and diverse teams.	Gontse Madumo - PG Glass
13:25	13:30	00:05		Short Break	
13:30	13:50	00:20	A Day in the Life of an SAP Professional.	Mindset shifts; personal learning plan; mentorship; certifications; feedback loops; building your reputation.	Musa Zulu – SAP
13:50	14:00	00:10	Wrap-Up.	Key takeaways, next steps and resources.	William Mathosa

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DAY THREE

Soft Skills and Work Readiness.

If an employer looked at **your profile today**, would they clearly see **what you bring to the table?** 



KEY TAKEAWAY

While many feel their profile mostly reflects their value, **nearly 4 in 10** are still working on it. This is a great opportunity to **strengthen your online presence** and make sure your skills, experience and potential stand out to future employers.



*Make your profile
work for **YOU!***



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Farewell DE WET

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING

Thank you, De Wet, for your incredible passion, commitment and never-ending drive to empower SAP students and prepare them for their future.

 **EMPOWERING STUDENTS**

 **BUILDING POTENTIAL**

 **CREATING OPPORTUNITIES**

 **SHAPING BRIGHTER FUTURES**

You have made a lasting difference. 

With heartfelt thanks,
Amanda Gibbs & the AFSUG Team



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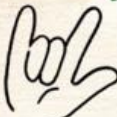
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(isiNdebele)

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(Siswati)

Ke a leboha
(Sesotho)

 **Thank You**

Dankie
(Afrikaans)

Re a leboga
(Setswana)

Enkosi
(Tshivenda)

Ndza khensa
(Xitsonga)

