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INTRODUCTION

RESPONSIBLE LIVING STARTS AT HOME

IFHE is a membership-based non-profit organization (founded in 1908). We are politically and denominationally independent and have consultative status with the United Nations. As the global voice for home economics, we support:

- Education and research on the responsible use of household resources
- The power of individual choices to transform societies towards a sustainable future
- Households as places where equality prevails and everyone can realize their full potential

HOME ECONOMICS: A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Responsible use of resources at the household and consumer level encompasses many areas: Early childhood education, clothing and textile production, community services, consumer research, education, environmental science,

food production, nutrition, gender, age science, health, household technology, human ecology, institutional care, personal finance, sanitation and hygiene, waste management and many more.





Amanda McCloat
President



Christiane Pakula
Executive Director

Dear members and friends of IFHE,

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud to present the IFHE Annual Report for 2024. The Report presents a comprehensive account of our activities, accomplishments, and continued commitment to the mission and values of IFHE.

In 2024, IFHE were delighted to jointly host our flagship event, the World Congress, with the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics at ATU St Angelas, Sligo in the beautiful city of Galway, Ireland. There was participation from over 600 delegates from 23rd to 28th June, where Home Economics professionals participated in 13 symposia, 29 parallel lecture sessions and 3 workshops. The important business of IFHE was considered by delegates at the Council Assembly. This flagship event is a very important event for the Federation, and we look forward, with excitement, to 2028 for the world Congress in New Zealand.

World Home Economics Day (WHD) continues to grow from strength to strength with activities reported across all five regions of IFHE. The theme for 2024 was 'Home Economics 3.0: A Critical Update'. Celebrated annually on the 21st March, WHD provides IFHE members and Home Economists around the world an important platform to celebrate and promote the diverse and rich work of those working in the field of Home Economics.

The work of IFHE demonstrates a true interdisciplinary approach and throughout 2024 this was evident through the varied activities of the regions. Our rich legacy was celebrated as we marked the 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family with activities. IFHE was instrumental in establishing the International Year of the Family (1994) as part of its work with the United Nations. I invite you to explore the activities of each of the regions of IFHE presented in this report.

Throughout the year, we have remained steadfast in our values and mission, and importantly, driving forward with activities to support and promote Home Economics around the world. This is my first report as President of IFHE and I am proud to present the Annual Report for 2024 which serves as both a record of our achievements, and a roadmap for our future. I extend our sincere gratitude to the staff of the IFHE office in Bonn, the Executive Committee of IFHE, and all of the active members from around the world for their unwavering trust and dedication to the mission and values of Home Economics and IFHE.

As we look forward to 2025, we remain committed to many more exciting initiatives and activities reflecting the global reach of the work of our Federation.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

ADVOCACY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

We use our consultative status with the UN to promote international education and research on the responsible use of resources at household level. We promote knowledge on household and consumer issues as key to achieving sustainable living. Where possible, we seek to increase impact through joint action with other NGOs and membership of networks.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

In 2024, the International Year of the Family was 30 years old. IFHE played a pivotal role in founding the International Year of the Family and is still active 30 years later when it comes to strengthening families. In 1994, the founding year of the Year of the Family, the theme was *'The Family: Resource and Responsibility in a Changing World'*. Thirty years later, in the current International Year of the Family, the family is confronted with a changing world due to climate change.

Every 10 years an anniversary is celebrated, looking back on the last decade and looking forward to the challenges of the next 10 years. This year, Malta is at the centre of the anniversary celebrations. In 2034, the International Federation for Home Economics will also be there when the spotlight falls on the well-being of families for a year.

The theme for 2024 is:

'Families and climate change: International Year of the Family + 30'.



INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF FAMILIES
15 MAY [2024]

MALTA CELEBRATES THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY +30

The 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family is doubly significant for our active members, the Home Economics experts Drs. Suzanne Piscopo and Karen Mugliett from Malta.

Malta is one of the countries where the idea of organising a special day to celebrate the value of families as the central building blocks of a thriving community was officially launched. In November–December 1993, a global forum of non-governmental organisations entitled ‘Launching the International Year of the Family, 1994: Strengthening Families for the Wellbeing of Individuals and Societies’ was held in Valletta/ Malta. This forum was very well attended by various non-governmental organisations from all over the world and it put Malta on the global platform as a promoter of the need to protect and support our families. The Maltese Home Economics Association spearheaded and supported this event

The second reason why this year’s theme is relevant for Malta is that Malta is one of the countries where home economics education is still part of compulsory education for the majority of children. Home economics lessons can teach life skills for climate action! In all state schools and in many non-state schools, pupils have home economics lessons in Years 1 and 2 and can choose to specialise in it in Years 3 to 5. Home economics courses are offered right through to higher education, with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics at the University of Malta, which can be followed by a Masters in Teaching and Learning, or various other Masters degrees dealing with the welfare of individuals and families. A PhD in Home Economics is also possible at home and abroad.

The publication by Drs. Suzanne Piscopo & Karen Mugliett: ‘Family choices to mitigate climate change can benefit from a good dose of Home Economics education’ on ‘Families and Climate Change: International Year of the Family + 30’ is freely available online.

MAKING HOME ECONOMICS MORE VISIBLE

ACTIVITIES FOR AND FROM YOUNG HOME ECONOMISTS

IFHE supports the International Junior Forum (IJF), a new initiative for networking of young professionals in the broad field of home economics. Young and early career researchers in the fields of nutrition, food, family, consumer studies, textiles, fashion and crafts or educational research are cordially invited to participate. The aim of the meetings is to connect and support young researchers in the field of home economics and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences. In 2024, three online meetings were organised by young colleagues from different parts of the world and one face-to-face meeting took place during the XXV IFHE World

Congress in Galway, Ireland. At the meetings, up to 16 young researchers discussed various home economics topics and personal concerns in connection with their studies, doctorate, training or career.

Kathryn Carroll, Chair of the IFHE-US Young Professionals Network, organised a book study on *'The Secret History of Home Economics'*. The four-week discussion group met in early 2024 with nine participants. The group also hosted a 'Zoom Holiday Happy Hour' on 5 December to network and share professional experiences.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF HOME ECONOMICS

The International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE) was launched at the 2008 World Congress. It is currently in its 17th year and has published more than 30 issues to date. IJHE is an electronic, peer-reviewed journal that is published twice a year. IFHE con-

tributes to the costs by covering some of the design aspects of production. The publisher makes in-kind and direct financial contributions to offset the additional costs of running the journal. The editorial advisory board consists of renowned household scientists who volunteer their time to

review individual manuscripts. Issues 16/2 and 17 were published in 2024, with issue no. 17 containing, among others, 15 original articles from scientific contributions to the XXV IFHE World Congress 2024. The journal is freely accessible via the IFHE website. It makes a significant contribution to the publication of household science research.

The 2024 design catalogue showcases the work of home economics and textile design colleagues from around the world. They have translated the theme of the IFHE World Congress 2024 *'Bridging the Past – Charting the Future'* into an art and textile exhibition at the congress.

The contributions from 13 symposia, 29 parallel lecture sessions and 3 workshops at the XXV IFHE World Congress are summarised in an abstract book.



All publications are freely available on the IFHE website.



IFHE HONOURS LONG-SERVING ACTIVE MEMBERS

With the IFHE Distinguished Service Award, the IFHE Executive Committee honours long-standing members for their outstanding contribution to the International Federation of Home Economics and the profession as such. This year, Prof. Dr Emer. Lilha Lee (South Korea) and Juanita Mendenhall (USA) were

honoured for their many years of active voluntary work for the benefit of the Federation. Prof. Dr Emer. Ingrid-Ute Leonhäuser (Germany) received the award for her outstanding as chair of the IFHE Congress Research Committee.



Prof. Dr Emer. Lilha Lee
(South Korea)



Juanita Mendenhall
(USA)



Ingrid-Ute Leonhäuser
(Germany)

CONNECTING THE PROFESSION

HOME ECONOMICS TEACHERS SEMINAR SERIES

The online seminar series for home economics teachers, which was launched in November

2023, is very popular and has successfully established itself with five events in 2024.

Feb 6th 2024:

Home Economics Education in the Digital World

Dr. Johanna SOO, Singapore

Apr 28th 2024:

The Foundation and Innovation of Financial Literacy Education – part 1

Dr. Elina Larsson, Sweden

May 15th 2024:

The Foundation and Innovation of Financial Literacy Education – part 2

Drs. Johanna Montgomery & Kerry Renwick, Canada

Sep 10th 2024:

The Future of Food – Culinary Practices and the 'Klimatopf'

Dr. Christine Brombach, Switzerland

Nov 12th 2024:

Blended Learning in the K-12 and Post Secondary Home Economics/ Family and Consumer Sciences Classroom

Drs. Natalie Hancock & Dana Hunter, USA

Despite the different time zones, home economics teachers from all over the world took part in the online seminars. Following the approximately half-hour presentations by the speakers, lively discussions were held and

experiences exchanged. The presentations were recorded and further teaching material was made available for teachers to prepare their own lessons.

WORLD HOME ECONOMICS DAY 2024

The IFHE has been celebrating World Home Economics Day (WHED) on 21st March since 1982. Each year, the international event focuses on a specific topic and draws attention to home economics and consumer issues. It also promotes the profession and recognises the contribution that home economists make to the quality of life of people around the world. The motto of this year's World Home Economics Day was 'Home Economics 3.0: A Critical Update'

As every year, the WHED patron Prof. Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvedt, USA, kicked off the theme with an online meeting and a

promotional film. This was followed by a variety of activities organised by IFHE members around the world.

- An Austria-wide campaign by agricultural colleges called for an online seminar on the topic of 'Updating the home economics operating system', which focussed on new techniques in food production through to digital applications. The topics of ethics and nutrition were also discussed in detail.
- The National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics at St Angelas, Atlantic Technological University (ATU) in Sligo/ Ireland kicked off the WHED Year 2024 in Ireland



on 21st March 2024 with the online seminar 'Introducing AI into Food Education'. They invited Home Economics students from across the island to participate in the seminar.

- In Germany, a position paper on the topic of World Home Economics Day 2024 with relevant demands was sent to decision-makers in business and politics. The paper concludes: *'The home economics operating system must become sustainable in order to ensure the quality of life of people in private households and home economics service providers.'*
- Once again, home economics colleagues in Nigeria met online on 21st March to celebrate World Home Economics Day. This year, the theme of the meeting was: 'The Solution to the Present Socio-Economic and Digital Technology Challenges'.
- IFHE-US celebrated World Home Economics Day 2024 digitally on Saturday 23rd March. Under the original title of World Home Economics Day 'Home Economics 3.0: A Critical Update', Dr. Melanie Schmitt, Texas Tech University, Family and Consumer Sciences Education & Dr. Chloe Shin, University of Houston, Human Development and Consumer Sciences, discussed how AI can be used in FCS classrooms. Different examples were used to show how AI can be integrated into the classroom to improve the learning experience of students.
- On 9th June 2024, members of the Philippine Home Economics Association opened the activities on 'Home Economics 3.0: a Critical Update' for the year 2024 in Asia at a meeting in the atrium of Ayala Malls in Manila.

MC MANUS EVENT 2024

The IFHE USA Cultural Event is held annually in support of the IFHE Development Fund. The fund provides opportunities to reduce the impact of global issues on families, partner with organisations with common concerns, collaborate on studies and research projects, and pool resources to enhance educational efforts. International grants are awarded for these purposes every four years at the IFHE World Congress.

The event on 6th June 2024 was held at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis/ MN during the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting. Kim Kamin,

Director of Professional Development and Programming, organised the evening. After a meal of Minnesota specialties and traditional Native American foods, Kim conducted a cultural understanding exercise before introducing the guest speaker. Dr Lorna Saboe-Woundedhead, a resource management specialist at South Dakota State University, spoke about her experiences of marrying into a Native American family and raising a son in that culture. Her presentation was very meaningful and led to a good discussion about understanding and respecting cultural differences. Sixty members and guests attended this special evening.



World Home Economics Day Austria 2024

IFHE WORLD CONGRESS

‘Bridging the Past – Charting the Future’

From 23rd to 28th June 2024, the XXV. IFHE World Congress took place in Ireland, hosted by the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, ATU St Angelas, Sligo. The co-chairs of the congress were Dr Amanda McCloat and Dr Helen Maguire. More than 500 international home economics experts – teachers, researchers and practitioners – plus around 150 home economics teachers, changing daily, enjoyed the lively atmosphere at the University.



The congress began on the morning of Monday 24th June with the opening ceremony. IFHE President (2020–2024) Gwendolyn Hustvedt warmly welcomed the participants, followed by the first of seven plenary lectures delivered by international experts in their field, covering current and interesting research areas pertaining to Home Economics including:

- **Prof. Maurie Cohen:** Planetary Home Economics and the Pursuit of Sustainable Lifestyles.
- **Prof. Daniel Fischer:** Educating for Sustainability in a Polarized World Towards Needs-Based Approaches.
- **Dr. Manisha Anantharaman:** Community action for urban sustainability: connecting class, caste and gender.
- **Prof. Pat Dolan:** Supporting Families: Lessons from local to global, From Evidence and from Families.
- **Dr. Etienne and Dr. Beverly Wenger-Trayner:** Between the past and the future: developing a social learning ethic.
- **Prof. Viv Ellis:** Learning from Crisis: Lessons for Education Systems Post-Pandemic.
- **Prof. Tim Lang:** Civil Food Resilience – how Home Economics can help a troubled world.
- **Prof. Louise Dye:** The impact of nutrition on cognitive function and wellbeing across the life course.



In the following days, congress participants were invited to a total of 13 symposia, 29 parallel lecture sessions and 3 workshops. The Abstract Book of the XXV IFHE World Congress 2024 contains all lectures, posters and design presentations and is available on the IFHE website.

Wednesday's technical tours offered a comprehensive insight into the Irish home economics landscape, from a farm near Galway to a visit to the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics at St Angelas in Sligo, there were plenty of opportunities to spend an educational day on the move.

The poster and textile exhibitions invited visitors to take a look at the latest research findings from the various home economics disciplines.

In addition to the official congress activities, the venue provided excellent opportunities for networking and discussions, 'craic' and meeting colleagues from all over the world. The International Junior Forum met in person for the first time, regional meetings took place and the work for the next four years was discussed and planned.

The formal congress proceedings ended with a moving ceremony, attended by a Minister of State representing the Irish Government and traditional Irish musicians. Three long-standing IFHE members were honoured with IFHE Service Awards, the venue for the XXVI IFHE World Congress was announced and the handover of office from IFHE Past President Gwendolyn Hustvedt to IFHE President, Dr Amanda McCloat took place. The week concluded with a Gala Irish Banquet and Céilí which had Irish dancers and musicians entertaining the attendees. Certainly, Ireland lived up to its reputation of an island with a thousand welcomes.



IN FOCUS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEMBER REGIONS

IFHE members are both organisations and individuals from over 70 countries. They are organised in national IFHE member organisations and regional associations. In 2024, the XXV IFHE World Congress 2024 could take place in person again for the first time after the pandemic. This mega-event for home economists and household scientists from all over the world has pooled many resources. But this year, in addition to the activities for World Home Economics Day, IFHE members have once again organised and designed an impressive number of home economics activities around the globe. Some highlights from our regional and national associations are listed here:

EUROPE

Now in their fourth year, the Brown Bag Seminars are an integral part of the home economics network in Europe. The one-hour online lunchtime meetings take place quarterly and offer insights into current home economics research and innovative approaches to solving home economics issues. The topics of the seminars were:

Mar 14th, 2024:

Prof. Dr. Sylvia Lorek, Universität Helsinki, Finland und Prof. Dr. Melanie Speck, Hochschule Osnabrück: Waste Reduction Literacy.

May 9th, 2024:

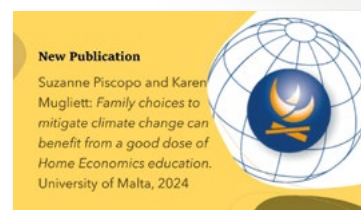
Dr. Jaana Taar und Kristi Koppel, Tallinn Universität Estland: Presenting the results of the strategic collaboration project 'Navigating Through Digital Challenges in Home Economics Education' (NAVI-HED).

Jun 15th, 2024:

Dr. Karen Mugliett, Malta, Stefania Calleja, an educator and food entrepreneur, Malta and Dr Amanda Mc Cloat, National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, ATU St Angelas, Ireland: 'Sharing different approaches to the Home Economic curriculum: Presentations from Malta and Ireland'.

Sep 16th, 2024:

Prof. Dr. Erik Fooladi, Volda University and College, Norway: Interdisciplinarity in science and home economics curricula across three Nordic countries.



ASIA

In addition to the World Home Economics Day 2024 activities and participation in the IFHE Teacher Seminar Series 2024, the Asian Regional Association for Home Economics published the 31st issue of the ARAHE online journal with contributions from home economists from the Philippines, Japan, Thailand and Denmark.

PACIFIC

The activities of IFHE members in the Australia and Pacific region were complete in 2024 were successfully completed with the successful awarding of the XXVI IFHE World Congress 2028 in Wellington/New Zealand. Under the professional guidance from Dr. Sarah Wirth from New Zealand was the first an initial framework set out for the global congress was presented to the IFHE Executive. The announcement of the congress in New Zealand was well received with great approval by members in the region.

AFRICA

The 4th International Conference of the Faculty of Specific Education entitled 'Innovation in Specific Education and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence: Perspectives and Proposals' took place in Alexandria/Egypt from 14th to 15th February 2024.



THE AMERICAS

IFHE-US traditionally organises a tour of the host country with a focus on home economics before or after the IFHE World Congress. A pre-tour through Ireland took place with 35 participants. In addition to learning about Ireland's history and beautiful countryside, museums, businesses and industries related to home economics were also visited, including the National Textile Museum, a culinary tour of Dublin, a visit to a sheep farm, a tour of a wool mill, a meeting with Irish lace makers and a visit to the Aran Islands.

This pre-congress trip took place June 15-24 and began in Dublin and ended in Galway.

Prior to the Fairwell Gala Banquet on the last evening of the Congress, IFHE-US hosted a reception for IFHE Distinguished Services Award winner Juanita Mendenhall and Gwendolyn Hustvedt, outgoing IFHE President from the USA.

Rachel Schichtl, President-Elect of IFHE-US, took the lead in organising and conducting the application and selection process for the 2024 IFHE development grants. Four grants of \$7,500 each were available for programs in developing countries. The IFHE Development Fund was established in 1996 as a series of individual country or regional funds managed at the local level. Grants from this fund are intended to advance IFHE's goals internationally, supporting educational programs, studies and services in all areas of home economics to improve the quality of life of individuals, families and communities and strengthen the profession's ability to advocate for families nationally and internationally. The award winners were:

- **Michael Okpara, University of Agriculture, Umudike Nigeria**
Examining gender-based allocation of food resources, dietary diversity and nutritional status of households in South East Nigeria.
- **University of Benin, Nigeria**
Focus on capacity gap and intervention impact assessments of the design and administration of electronic questionnaires for us in data collection and Home Economics researchers in Nigeria.
- **University of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan**
Pathways to relieve the Pain of Extra Chromosome: Relations between societal discrimination, parental functioning and child psychosocial well-being (rural areas of Punjab)
- **Department of Home Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, India**
Cooking with Teens program for 13-14 years students on a hands-on cooking class with fresh produce during five three-hour cooking sessions. The purpose is to bring about positive changes in the culinary behaviors of adolescents.



IFHE INTERNAL AFFAIRS

IFHE COUNCIL DELEGATES ASSEMBLY 2024

The IFHE Council Delegates Meeting 2024 in Ireland was the first in-person meeting since 2016. Delegates from 20 different countries discussed and decided on the future work of the IFHE. On Sunday, June 23rd, 2024, 45 delegates attended the Council Delegate Assembly. In addition, 16 IFHE members were welcomed as observers of the meeting. On Thursday, June 27th, 2024, 57 delegates cast a total of 74 votes for IFHE members in their countries.

IFHE Past President Gwendolyn Hustvedt led the meeting. On Sunday, delegates voted on formal matters. The agenda items were then presented, and delegates were encouraged to ask questions and discuss the topics throughout the week in preparation for voting at Sunday's session. The Vice Presidents of the IFHE regions, the IJHE editor and the chairs of the council and program committees gave their reports to the council. IFHE Chair Gwendolyn Hustvedt presented the theme of World Home

Economics Day 2025: 'Fighting overconsumption'. Margaret Jepson, Secretary of the IFHE Executive Committee, presented some minor changes to the IFHE Constitution.

On Thursday the delegates elected Prof. Dr. Kerry Renwick/Canada as IFHE treasurer and Isabelle Weber-Kordina/Switzerland as internal auditor). The existing IFHE Council Committees were confirmed. The 2023 financial report was adopted and the IFHE officers were relieved of their responsibilities. Delegates approved the 2025 and 2026 budget and confirmed the new contribution structure for individual members. Finally, the delegates adopted the minor changes to the statutes. IFHE President Gwendolyn Hustvedt acknowledged the work of the outgoing EC members and welcomed the new members from the IFHE Pacific region, Drs. Sarah Wirth/New Zealand and Sandy Smith/Australia.

IFHE SCHOLARSHIP 2024–2026

The IFHE scholarship recognises students for their achievements in promoting the profession and putting its interdisciplinary values into practice. It aims to identify and financially support home economics students who advance the profession at an international level through work on an international project. The scholarship includes two years of membership in the IFHE and reimbursement of travel expenses to international IFHE conferences and similar events of up to EUR 3,000.

The 2024–2026 scholarship was awarded to Jacinta Hinson. She won over the selection committee with her belief that education creates positive change and is critical to the well-being of individuals and families. Jacinta is pursuing her PhD in FCSE at Texas Tech University (TTU) in Lubbock, Texas/USA, focusing on promoting equity and empowerment through research, policy development and educational practice.

IFHE GENERAL SECRETARIAT



IFHE General Secretariat Bonn

The IFHE General Secretariat is based in Bonn and runs the business, including event management and public relations, member support as well as finance and legal matters for IFHE. Since April 1st, 2024, the business premises have been used together with the German Society for Home Economics.

After the focus in recent years was primarily on the digitalization of processes and the consolidation of finances, the year 2024 was particularly characterised by the preparations for the XXV World Congress 2024 in Ireland. The presence of many IFHE members from all over the world during the World Congress made it possible to give the office a face. The employees of the office Dr. Christiane Pakula and Anke Wiedemann were a popular contact point for many questions and information, especially during the coffee breaks.

IFHE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024–2026

The Executive Committee of the International Federation for Home Economics is comprised the President, the Treasurer, the Past President, the Vice-Presidents, and Representatives of the five traditional IFHE regions. The board members are elected by the Council Delegates Assembly for four years. The terms of office of the board members overlap to ensure continuity of the board's work.

Dr. Amanda MCCLOAT (Ireland)

IFHE President (2024–2028)

Dr. Elina LARSSON (Sweden)

Vice President Region Europe

Dr. Kerry RENWICK (Canada)

IFHE Treasurer

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Representative Region Europe

Dr. Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT (USA)

IFHE Past President

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Vice President Region Asia

Dr. Janine Marie DUNCAN (USA)

Vice President Region Americas

Dr. Shinjii IMAKAWA (Japan)

Representative Region Asia

Mme Audrey JONES-DRAYTON (Barbados)

Representative Region Americas

Mme Sarah WIRTH (New Zealand)

Vice President Region Pacific

Dr. Stella LEMCHI (Nigeria)

Vice President Region Africa

Dr. Sandy SMITH (Australia)

Representative Region Pacific

Dr. Hosea Lupambo CHISHALA (Zambia)

Representative Region Africa

6th to 9th March 2026



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Amanzi/South Africa

COUNCIL MEETING 2026

The next council meeting will take place from 6th to 9th March 2026 in Mount Amanzi/South Africa in co-operation with the SAAFECS Conference of the South African Association for Family, Environment, Consumers and Sustainability.



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