



Carel du Toit Centre therapists represent South Africa at global symposium in Washington DC

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Barbara Kellett, speech therapist, Lisa Barnard, occupational therapist, Sarah Lange, audiologist and Jenni Bester, speech therapist.

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The Carel du Toit Centre, a specialised centre that helps children who are deaf learn to listen and speak, is proud to announce that four of its therapists represented the centre and South Africa at the prestigious AG Bell Global Listening and Spoken Language Symposium 2026.

The event was held from Thursday 4 June to Saturday 6 June in Washington DC, USA.

The team shared their expertise with an international audience of hearing healthcare professionals dedicated to advancing listening and spoken language outcomes for children

with hearing loss.

Their presentations addressed a range of important topics, including:

- Supporting equitable paediatric hearing care throughout Africa;
- Reading between the lines to uncover hidden clinical insights during the hearing test process;
- Strengthening listening foundations through sensory-informed approaches;
- Engaging policymakers through the power of speech and advocacy.
- Highlighting the work being undertaken in South Africa in the listening and spoken language sector.

"We are grateful for experiences like these, which allow us to learn, share insights and build stronger connections with our international colleagues," says Sarah Lange, head of audiology at Carel du Toit Centre.

About the Carel du Toit Centre

The Carel du Toit Centre is a specialised early intervention centre in Cape Town that supports children who are deaf or have hearing loss and their families through listening and spoken language programmes.

Through a multidisciplinary team of audiologists, speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, educators and family support professionals, the centre provides comprehensive services that empower children with hearing loss to thrive at home, in school and within their communities.

Help change more lives

The Carel du Toit Trust, which is the fundraising arm of the centre relies on the generosity of donors, partners and supporters to continue providing life-changing services to children with hearing loss and their families.

Donations help fund early intervention programmes, therapy services, family support initiatives and access to specialised resources for children who would otherwise not be able to receive the care they need.

To support the centre's work and help more children learn to listen, speak and succeed, visit www.careldutoit.co.za

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