

SAASTA caught up with Nozipho for a Q&A just before the semis



SAASTA: How are you feeling as the FameLab International semi-finals draws closer and closer?

NG: I am having mixed feelings. Some days it's the feeling of excitement and awe that I have made it this far and will be going there to represent my country, South Africa, and the other days, I feel nervous just thinking about the magnitude of the international FameLab. The realisation that this now is a worldwide event is enough to make me shake in my boots. Nonetheless, I am looking forward to new experiences in the U.K. and the challenges that will come with them.

SAASTA: Are you ready for the semis?

NG: I have realized that, just like in the previous national rounds, the ultimate test of my readiness will be the moment I set foot on stage. Before my name is called up, I am always in a panic and frantic state, but I always try to calm myself, take a few breaths in and out, then I'm ready to go. So as it stands, while I've gone over my talk several times, I will be "ready" on the day of the semis.

SAASTA: What can we expect from you?

NG: You can expect a similar style of presentation and delivery as I have done before. I am still ensuring that the three FameLab checkpoints or Cs are met: Content, Clarity and Charisma. No surprises, I do not want to deviate much from what has seemed to work previously.

SAASTA: Which topic have you prepared for the semis and finals?

NG: The topic is: Introducing a novel membrane filter for the removal of emerging pollutants in our waters.



SAASTA: Is there anything that you want to say?

NG: What I would like to say is that, whatever happens at the finals, I am happy that I have made it this far. Representing my country on such a huge and global platform is a win on its own. I am grateful to all the people that have helped in shaping my Famelab journey to get to the point where it is today; The University of South Africa, Robert, Sthabile and Hayley from Jive media, the team at NRF|SAASTA, Anisa and the guys at British Council and all my Famelab South Africa fellow contestants, thank you very much for making this an exciting and unforgettable experience of my life.

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