

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Thousands of students to be capped at the upcoming Unisa Spring Graduations

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will be hosting its annual Spring graduation ceremonies from 29 September – 18 October 2023 at its Muckleneuk Campus in Pretoria as well as in the cities of Mbombela, Bloemfontein, East London, Durban, Polokwane, and Cape Town.

This year's graduations coincide with the university's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a leading Comprehensive, Open Distance e-Learning (CODeL) institution that continues to produce quality graduates who go on to successfully lead society in politics, commerce, academia, and other fields. Unisa produces 20 per cent of the sector's graduates annually, with no less 50 000 successful students being capped during every graduation period.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the graduation ceremonies. The details are as follows:

#### **Pretoria:**

Date: 26, 27, 28, 29 September and 02, 03, 27 & 31 October 2023

Time: 08:30, 14:00, 18:00

Venue: ZK Matthews Great Hall, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building (WMM), Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Tshwane

**Unisa Chancellor, former President Thabo Mbeki will confer the degrees on 02, 27 and 31 October 2023.**

#### **Mbombela:**

Date: 05 October 2023

Time: 14:00 and 18:00

Venue: AFM Church, Cnr Kaapsehoop & Jacaranca Ave West Acres, Nelspruit

#### **Bloemfontein:**

Date: 10 October 2023

Time: 14:00 and 18:00

Venue: Doxa Deo Ministry, Bloemgate Centre, 81 Nelson Mandela Drive, Bloemfontein

#### **East London:**

Date: 12 October 2023

Time: 10:00, 14:00 and 18:00

Venue: Border Conference Centre, Wyse Avenue, Abbotsford, East London



**Durban:**

Date: 16, 17 and 18 October 2023

Time: 10:00, 14:00 and 18:00

Venue: Durban Exhibition and Convention Centre, 45 Bramfischer Rd Durban

**Polokwane:**

Date: 20 October 2023

Time: 14:00 and 18:00

Venue: Bolivia Lodge

**Unisa Chancellor, former President Thabo Mbeki will confer the degrees on the day.**

**Cape Town:**

Date: 25 November 2023

Time: 10:00, 14:00 and 18:00

Venue: Friend of God, AFM Goodwood, Riebeeck Street, Cape Town

On behalf of the entire Unisa community, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Puleng LenkaBula extends best wishes and her heartfelt congratulations to all graduates for completing both their undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Unisa.

“Hearty congratulations all to the graduands. Your success is indeed indicative of your initiative, persistence and resilience which, through your graduateness, will contribute to national priorities in turn. You are now joining the prestigious ranks of more than a million alumni spread across the world and showcasing name and prestige of Unisa. Also, this year’s graduations take place in a special year in the history of Unisa - exactly 150 years since it was established in 1873. For this reason, the milestone of 150 years does not belong to Unisans or South Africans alone, but to the whole African continent and indeed the world at large. Our celebrations and reflections, therefore, must live up to the identity of Unisa as a truly African university shaping futures in the service of humanity” concluded professor LenkaBula.

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