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The Launch of Unisa Polokwane Student Centre and the 8th Es'kia Mphahlele Annual Memorial Lecture

ATTENTION: EDITORS, PRODUCERS AND SOCIAL REPORTERS

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The University of South Africa (UNISA) is set to launch a new Student Centre in Polokwane. The student centre aims to meet the demand for the expansion of services for the approximately 12 000 registered students in Polokwane to augment existing services such as application and registration facilities, library and counselling services, computer laboratories, tutorial and discussion classes and study space, video conferencing facilities, examination venues and mobile library and general services bus for reaching out to outlying areas.

The new centre will offer additional services such as seminar rooms for discussion classes and study space, additional computer laboratories, a main hall for events, examination sittings and graduation ceremonies; as well as an administration office for the Regional Student Representative Council (RSRC).

An integral part of the official launch of the new student centre will be the announcement of the names of both the building housing the centre as well as the main hall. These names were solicited from UNISA stakeholders such as students, staff, Limpopo community, etc., via a representative nomination and approval process, culminating in the ratification of the final names by the Council of UNISA.

The MEC for Education in the Limpopo Provincial Government, The Honourable Mr Ishmael Kgatjepe as well as the Executive Mayor of the City of Polokwane, Her Excellency Councillor Thembi Nkadimeng will also grace the event and participate in the unveiling of the plaques for the building and the hall.

UNISA will also use the occasion of the official launch of the student centre to host the 8th Es'kia Mphahlele Annual Memorial Lecture. Former Minister of Science and Technology and former President of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (AZAPO), Dr Mosibudi Mangena will deliver this year's lecture under the theme : *'The African Writer as a Prophet ad Social Critic in Contemporary Times ' (with a focus on decolonisation and how to develop a decolonised consciousness).*



Furthermore, the occasion will also be used to announce the winners of the 2017 Annual Es'kia Mphahlele Reading and Writing Competition.

The event is taking place as follow:

Date : Friday, 29th September 2017.

Venue: UNISA Polokwane Regional Hub, 23A Landros Mare, Polokwane.

Time : 17:30

Members of Media are invited to attend the event

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