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Business mogul, Faith Khanyile to deliver the prestigious Dr. John Langalibalele Dube Annual Public Lecture

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The University of South Africa (UNISA) in partnership with the Office of the Premier of KwaZulu Natal (KZN), will host the prestigious Dr. John Langalibalele Dube Annual Public Lecture on Friday, 6 September 2024 at the Southern Sun, Elangeni Hotel in Durban.

The theme for this year's lecture is ***"Community Engagement and Collaboration: Fostering Active Participation and Teamwork within Communities to Tackle Challenges and Drive Positive Change."*** This theme reflects Dr. J.L. Dube's enduring focus on empowerment and collective action, underscoring the importance of active community participation in overcoming obstacles and fostering progress.

The lecture pays tribute to the life and legacy of John Langalibalele Dube (22 February 1871 – 11 February 1946), a distinguished South African essayist, philosopher, educator, politician, publisher, editor, novelist, and poet. As the founding president of the South African Native National Congress (SANNC)—which evolved into the African National Congress (ANC) in 1923—Dube played a pivotal role in shaping South Africa's political landscape. His influential contributions, alongside Dr. Pixley ka Isaka Seme, marked significant advancements in the fight for equality and justice.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by Ms. Faith Khanyile, a businesswoman with over 25 years of experience in the Financial Services Sector. Khanyile's career spans corporate and investment banking, structured finance, private equity, asset management, and social impact investing. She is a founding member of WDB Investment Holdings, a leading women-owned investment company, and previously served as its CEO until April 2022. Her extensive involvement in women's development and empowerment in South Africa is widely recognized.

The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal Province, the Honorable Thami Ntuli and the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Unisa, Professor Puleng LenkaBula will attend the lecture.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the lecture as follows:

Date : Friday, 6 September 2024



Venue : Southern Sun, Elangeni Hotel, 63 Snell Parade, North Beach, Durban.

Time : 18:00

/Ends.

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