

Media Advisory –
Unisa publishes new books that Highlight Fraud Prevention and Good Governance in South Africa

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South Africa, like much of the African continent, is grappling with the debilitating pandemics of fraud and corruption. Despite robust legislation, these issues have become institutionalized and are worsening. Excellence is often overlooked or punished, while mediocrity is celebrated and promoted. This is particularly evident in the appointment of unqualified personnel through cadre deployment in municipalities, leading to widespread dysfunction and compromised service delivery.

The Auditor-General's annual reports reveal that only a handful of municipalities achieve clean audits, while many remain mired in mismanagement with no repercussions. Politicians implicated in corrupt activities are rarely arrested or prosecuted, and only a few public servants face accountability.

High-profile cases such as the VBS Bank looting, Estina Dairy Farm scandal, Bosasa corruption, State Capture, and Phala Phala highlight the entrenched nature of fraud. Moreover, illicit financial flows and money laundering have led to South Africa being greylisted. The mismanagement of state-owned enterprises, including Eskom, SAA, Transnet, and PRASA, has exacerbated the economic crisis, with exports increasingly diverted to Mozambique Harbor.

The University of South Africa (Unisa)'s publishing Directorate, Unisa Press is proud to announce the release of two new groundbreaking books that highlight Fraud Prevention and Good Governance in South Africa. The Books are titled **South African Local Municipalities Bleeding from Fraud** by Dr. Manyedi Nkashe and **Vuloyimuni: How Research on Hostels, Housing, and Intergovernmental Relations Took Me to My Roots** by Dr. Salphinah Ubisi will be launched at Bamboo Auditorium, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus on the 31 January 2025. The Books propose actionable solutions to address some of the pressing issues in South Africa. These works also emphasize the urgent need for individuals, organizations, and the government to foster a culture of accountability and integrity to restore trust and efficiency in public services.

South African Local Municipalities Bleeding from Fraud by Dr. Manyedi Nkashe proposes a systematic model to train public sector employees to detect, deter, and eradicate fraud and corruption. It advocates for the professionalization of the public service across all three tiers of government to address service delivery challenges effectively.

Vuloyimuni: How Research on Hostels, Housing, and Intergovernmental Relations Took Me to My Roots by Dr. Salphinah Ubisi examines the weaknesses in South Africa's tender system, highlighting issues such as incomplete housing projects with structural defects, illegal occupation, and vandalism. Dr. Ubisi presents a model for the successful completion of government housing projects through stronger synergies between national, provincial, and local governments.

Notable dignitaries expected to attend the launch, includes Hon. Faith Muthambi, Member of Parliament, Lieutenant General (Dr/Adv.) Godfrey Lebeya, National Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) , and Cllr. Mncedi Ndzwanana, Speaker of the City of Tshwane Council.



The two books are available in hard copy and e-book formats and can be ordered from Unisa Press and other bookstores.

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

Date: 31 January 2025

Time: 09:30 for 10:00 (10:00-11:00)

Venue: Unisa Kgorong, Bamboo Auditorium, Muckleneuk Campus

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