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Unisa and the Thabo Mbeki Foundation host roundtable discussion in Tanzania exploring Africa's Blue Economy

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The University of South Africa (Unisa), in partnership with the Thabo Mbeki Foundation, is hosting a high-level roundtable discussion on the blue economy in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania today, Tuesday, 20 May 2025.

The roundtable, which will be held under the theme: **“Harnessing the Blue Economy and Tourism for Africa’s Renaissance”**, will cast a spotlight on regional strategies and case studies on the blue economy from South Africa and Zanzibar; as well as a shared vision for the continent’s maritime future.

The key speakers and programme participants at the roundtable include, amongst others; Professor Eunice Seekoe, the Vice-Principal for Teaching, Learning, Community Engagement and Student Support at Unisa, Captain Hamad B. Hamad, the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of the Blue Economy and Fisheries in Zanzibar, Professor Senia Nhamo from the Department of Economics at Unisa, Dr Lucy Shole, the Director of Studies at the Tanzania National Defence College, Dr Arthur Tuda, the Executive Director of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), Professor Godwell Nhamo, from the Institute of Corporate Leadership at Unisa as well as Dr Nariman Jiddawi from the Institute of Marine Studies at Dar es Salaam University.

President Thabo Mbeki, Patron of the Thabo Mbeki Foundation, and the Chancellor of Unisa will also be in attendance.

The roundtable is an integral part of the week-long programme of the 15th Annual Thabo Mbeki Africa Day Lecture, which will culminate with the actual lecture at the prestigious Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre in Tanzania on Saturday, 24 May 2025 (*Details to follow*).



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The details of the roundtable are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 20 May 2025

Time: 11:00 – 15:00 (EAT)/12:00 PM South Africa Time

Venue: Johari Rotana Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Interested media can also access the roundtable on the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/1rRJ1S6JVZ4?feature=share>

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