

## Media Advisory

**Unisa experts available to provide commentary on the 2025 budget vote speech.**

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The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Mr Enoch Godongwana, will deliver the 2025 Budget Speech during the National Assembly plenary sitting scheduled for Wednesday, 21 May, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC).

The Budget Vote Speech is an annual programme of Parliament, where the Minister of Finance, following delivery of the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) by the President, outlines all the financial, economic and social commitments that the government will prioritise in its planned annual expenditure. The Minister will provide a detailed plan for 2025 spending, including proposals for revenue collection to help fund the government's planned intervention and commitments.

The Budget Vote Speech is also one of the issues of national interest that attract interest from economists, businesspeople, political commentators, academics and the public at large.

As per standing practice, the University of South Africa (Unisa) will avail several academics from across its various colleges and portfolios to provide thought leadership and expert commentary on the Budget Vote Speech. They are as follows:

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