

Media Advisory

Unisa to reflect on the Legacy and Relevance of the South African Kairos Document (1985 – 2025)

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will hold the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the South African Kairos Document (1985–2025) at its Muckleneuk Campus in Tshwane on Wednesday, 09 April 2025.

The Kairos Document is a Christian, biblical and theological comment on the political crisis in South Africa, issued in 1985 by a group of mainly black South African theologians. The document presents a theological response to the deepening political crisis in South Africa which has far-reaching consequences for the Christian community. It is a critique of the current theological models that determine the type of activities the Church engages in to try to resolve the problems of the country.

The celebration will feature keynote addresses, panel discussions and a call to action for the Church to provide moral guidance in these times under the theme: “***Kairos Today: Reflecting on Faith, Justice, and Responsibility.***”

Esteemed speakers such as Rev. Dr. Frank Chikane, Rev. Dr. Wesley Mabuza, Dr. Brigalia Bam, Rev. Moss Nthla, Bishop Dr. Purity Malinga, and Rev. Mzwandile Molo will join Unisa theological scholars and the University’s Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Puleng LenkaBula, on the occasion.

South Africa faces another Kairos moment today, marked by growing inequality, corruption, gender-based violence, xenophobia, ecological degradation and the betrayal of democratic promises. The Church is once again being called to be prophetic, pastoral and political in its pursuit of justice, and to tackle the societal ills of our time.

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

Date: Wednesday, 09 April 2025

Time: 09:00 – 16:45

Venue: Senate Hall, 2nd Floor Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Muckleneuk Campus. Pretoria

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