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Unisa to host post-budget speech discussion with economic experts

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The University of South Africa (Unisa)'s Colleges of Accounting Sciences (CAS) and Economic and Management Sciences (CEMS) will jointly host Unisa's seventh post-budget speech discussion, titled '**South Africa's G20 Presidency: Being Efficient, Effective and Resilient in Turbulent Times**', where top economic experts will debate how South Africa can stretch its limited budget amid economic turbulence

The annual event, which will be held at the Unisa Muckleneuk campus on Friday, 21 February 2025, aims to provide deeper insights and foster a better understanding of key aspects of the Budget Speech, as delivered by the Minister of Finance.

Industry leaders and high-profile delegates, such as Mr Zeph Nhleko (Chief Economist of the DBSA), Ms Mpho Molopyane (Chief Economist at AlexForbes), and Dr Tshuma (Policy Specialist for Inclusive Growth at UNDP, USA), among others, will discuss how the country can be efficient and resilient while maximising the limited budget allocated to government departments as well as ordinary citizens.

Since its inception, the budget speech discussion has benefited from a wide range of experts from different fields and representative organisations such as academics, private and public sector economists, international organisations, and organised labour. It has hosted panellists from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, ECOMOD, RMB, COSATU, SNG Grant Thornton, Ntuthuko Resources, University of the Witwatersrand and University of Pretoria

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

Date: Friday, 21 February 2025

Time: 09:30 for 10:00

Venue: Senate Hall, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Preller Street, Pretoria

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