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#MANDELA DAY
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INVITATION

Prof Puleng Lenkabula, Principal and Vice Chancellor
of the University of South Africa
cordially invites you to the

CELEBRATION OF THE 12th ANNUAL NELSON MANDELA DAY

This Nelson Mandela Day takes place in the context of an unrelenting global pandemic that continues to wreak havoc on already dysfunctional and strained social systems. With the devastation of the economy, strain on an already weak health care system, a colossal rise in unemployment, food insecurity, chronic poverty, political uncertainty, gender violence and corruption, institutions of higher education have had to commit themselves to the pursuit of knowledge that will support comprehensive and sustainable development outcomes.

Universities are having to deepen their commitment to working with communities of shared purpose and shared place to solve local, national and international development challenges which have been exacerbated by Covid-19. Against this backdrop, this year we seek to highlight the critical role of higher education in the epic disaster management and recovery efforts underway.

Join us this Nelson Mandela Day for a special session, in which we will:

- communicate the vision of Engaged Scholarship as a critical asset in nation-building, sustainable development, Covid-19 disaster management and recovery efforts
- showcase our Unisa Engaged Scholar contributions to teaching, learning, research, and sustainable development
- share how our projects overcame lockdown challenges to continue their service to partners and engaged networks in government, business, civil society and communities in rural and urban areas.

DATE: Friday, 30 July 2021

TIME: 10:00 – 12:30

VENUE: Webinar (Microsoft Teams)

RSVP by 27 July 2021 to Alfred Mathebula: E-mail: mathesa@unisa.ac.za or Tel: 012 441 5675 / cell: 082 623 1801

“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality exist in our world, none of us can truly rest.”

Nelson Mandela, Make Poverty History, London, 2005

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