

MEDIA ADVISORY

“A reflection on South Africa, struggles to come to grip with its young democracy”

ATTENTION: EDITORS, PRODUCERS, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL REPORTERS
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25 May 2017 is Africa Day, to commemorate the day; The University of South Africa (Unisa) Art Gallery will conduct a public exhibition to reflect on political events that took place pre-1994 and beyond. The displayed exhibition material will be in the form of 50 political posters that reflect on the promises and campaign slogans of which different parties employed to attract voters or to discredit one another.

The events will take place as follows:

Date: 25th May 2017

Venue: UNISA Art Gallery

Time: 17:00 for 17H30

After 23 years since the down of democracy the rhetoric of bad mouthing and making unrealistic and empty promises by political leaders still continues. This exhibition aims to reflect on the South African experience in relation to the rest of the African countries that had a change in regime marked by violence and bloodshed. Reference could be made to some of African countries such as Mozambique's (Samora Machel) and Zimbabwe's (Robert Mogabe).

Presently South Africa finds itself in a daily battle field where its citizens are voicing their unhappiness over un-kept promises. This exhibition focuses not to criticize, but to reflect through old posters, as to what were the aspirations of all South Africans prior to the unbanning of what was termed “terrorist political organizations” and the release of political prisoners; the period leading up to national elections; the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as the first black president and subsequent events to date.

The questions to ask is where did we go wrong as South African citizens with rich ambitions of nation building and reconciliation, referred to as a “Rainbow nation”?

The issue of race is still debated; majority of the population more especially youth is still unemployed and complaining about the lack of service delivery and free education



promised during voters campaigns. Despite lack of confidence in the current government, lots of positive things has been achieved such as houses for human settlements, water and sanitation, roads and infrastructure development, etc. Our young democracy of 23 years, still has much to offer.

Members of Media are invited to attend the event

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