

Media Advisory

Unisa's ARCSWiD to host national conference for students with disabilities

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The University of South Africa (Unisa), through its Advocacy & Resource Centre for Students with Disabilities (ARCSWiD), will host a national conference for students with disabilities from 29 to 31 July 2025 at the Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre in Boksburg, Gauteng.

This significant gathering, to be held under the theme **“Leading Change: Engaging on Inclusive Policies and Empowered Futures,”** aims to foster inclusive dialogue, strengthen leadership and advance disability inclusion at Unisa and beyond. It is a landmark gathering that will also focus on electing the National Executive Committee (NEC) for students with disabilities, reviewing key policies, and deliberating on strategic priorities to advance disability inclusion at the university. The conference will bring together nine elected regional representatives from across the country to strengthen national alignment and build capacity.

Professor Puleng LenkaBula, Unisa Principal and Vice-Chancellor will deliver the keynote address at the conference. Other distinguished speakers include Professor Moloko Sepota Acting University Registrar, Dr Olwethu Sipuka, the Dean of Students, Mr Nkosinathi Mabilane, the President Unisa National Student Representative Council (NSRC), and Advocate N. Netshituni, the Deputy Director: Administrative & Policy in the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD) and former Vice Chairperson of the South African Disability Alliance.

This important conference underscores Unisa's ongoing commitment to accessibility, inclusion and the empowerment of students with disabilities through participatory governance and transformative policy dialogue.

Media representatives are invited to attend and cover this important event that aims to amplify student voices and strengthen inclusive higher education practices in South Africa as follows:

Date : 29- 31 July 2025

Time : See the attached Programme for Daily Times

Venue: Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre, Boksburg

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