

## MEDIA ADVISORY

**Dr Sizwe Mpfu-Walsh to deliver keynote address at the 5th Annual O.R. Tambo Memorial Lecture in Pretoria.**

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**Tuesday, 2 September 2025**

This year marks what would have been the 108th birth of renowned anti-apartheid activist, teacher, and the longest-serving president of the African National Congress (ANC), Mr Oliver Reginald Tambo. In commemorating and celebrating the life of this struggle icon and doyen of democracy, the University of South Africa (Unisa) in partnership with the Oliver & Adelaide Tambo Foundation, will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual OR Tambo Memorial Lecture on Friday, 5 September 2025 at the Unisa Main Campus in Pretoria.

This year's keynote address is to be delivered by renowned journalist and podcast hoster, **Dr Sizwe Mpfu-Walsh**, under the theme: ***“Legacy in Action: Oliver Tambo’s Vision and the Future of Just Leadership in South Africa”***

The event, which will be a conversation on democracy, accountability, and the power of principled leadership, serves as a vital platform to reflect on the enduring legacy of O.R. Tambo, while engaging attendees – especially young people – in imagining ethical, principled leadership for the future, and their place therein.

The following respondents will share the stage and reflect on the life and politics of this iconic giant:

- **Mr Thabo Makwaka** – Journalist
- **Dr Sithembile Mbete** – Executive Director, Public Affairs Research Institute
- **Mr Aubrey Matshiqi** – Independent Political Consultant & Author

The lecture will take place as follows:

**Date:** Friday, 5 September 2025

**Time:** 16:00 to 19:00

**Venue:** Protea Restaurant, 3rd Floor, OR Tambo Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Tshwane.

**Media Attendance:**

Members of the media are encouraged to attend in person. Those unable to attend may follow the lecture live via this YouTube link: [5th Oliver Reginald Tambo Annual Memorial Lecture](#)

**Ends.**

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