

MEDIA ADVISORY

FORMER PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI TO DELIVER INAUGURAL STAN SANGWENI MEMORIAL LECTURE AT UNISA

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The University of South Africa (Unisa), in partnership with the Public Service Commission (PSC), and the National School of Government (NSG) will host the inaugural Professor Stan Sangweni Memorial Lecture on Saturday, 13 September 2025 at Unisa Main Campus in Pretoria, under the theme: ***“Professional and Ethical Public Sector: A Catalyst for a Developmental State”***.

The inaugural lecture will pay homage to the enduring legacy of the late Professor Sangweni who was the first Chairperson of the PSC in the democratic dispensation. Professor Stan Sangweni played a pivotal role in embedding constitutional values within the framework of public administration. His visionary leadership championed the establishment of a professional, ethical, and development-oriented public service as an essential component of a capable state. He dedicated his career to the advancement of ethical leadership, promotion of integrity in governance, and professionalisation of the public sector.

The lecture will be delivered by **Former President Thabo Mbeki** who will reflect on the ethical foundations and moral compass essential for responsive and accountable government.

The annual memorial lecture will facilitate discourse on the significance of a professional and ethical public sector in promoting socio-economic development, to inspire the highest ethical standards in leadership and governance. Similarly, it will provide a platform to celebrate Professor Sangweni’s legacy and enormous contribution to public administration in South Africa and the continent.

Join the Honourable Minister for the Public Service and Administration, Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi, Chairperson of the PSC, Professor Somadoda Fikeni, Principal and Vice Chancellor of Unisa, Professor Puleng LenkaBula and Dr Mavuso Msimang, amongst others, as we recognise the contributions of Professor Stan Sangweni to the public service in South Africa

The members of the media are invited to attend and cover this historic event as follows:

Date: Saturday, 13 September 2025

Time: 17:30 for 18:00

Venue: ZK Matthews Hall, 2nd Floor, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria.



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The event will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/live/mTORQdE--g?si=ay4ChNYel8A6oJrz>

And following social media platforms:

PSC Facebook:

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