

## Media Advisory

### **ILO Health Specialist, Simphiwe Mabhele to deliver keynote address at Unisa World Safety and Health Day 2026**

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will join the nation and the world in commemorating the 2026 World Day for Safety and Health at Work on Wednesday, 29 April 2026, at the Unisa Science Campus in Florida, Johannesburg. This year's theme, ***“Good Psychosocial Working Environments: A Pathway to Thriving Workers and Strong Organisations,”*** underscores the critical role that work design, management practices, and organisational culture play in shaping employees' mental health, safety, and overall performance.

The keynote address will be delivered by Mr. Simphiwe Mabhele, a seasoned Health, HIV and TB Technical Specialist at the [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#) based in Pretoria. With over 25 years of experience, he provides technical support and guidance to 18 countries in East and Southern Africa, focusing on workplace health, wellness, gender equality, and labour rights.

Observed annually on 28 April, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work is a global initiative led by the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases worldwide. Since its inception in 2003, the campaign has highlighted the urgent need for safer and healthier workplaces. With an estimated 2.3 million work-related deaths occurring each year, the importance of effective occupational safety and health (OSH) measures remains paramount.

This commemorative event will provide a valuable platform for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among stakeholders on strategies to enhance occupational safety and health, with a particular focus on psychosocial well-being in the workplace.



Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the conference as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, 29 April 2025

**Time:** 09:00 – 15:00

**Venue:** Thamsanqa Kambule Auditorium, 1st Floor, Barney Pityana Building, Unisa Science Campus, Florida, Johannesburg

You can also attend virtually by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/xFEtoEJS1c?feature=share>

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