

Media Advisory

The United Nations at 80: The post-World War II peace architecture and nuclear non-proliferation treaty seminar

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This year marks 80 years since the establishment of the United Nations and coincides with the 80th anniversary of the first use of nuclear weapons when atomic bombs were detonated on civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan on 6 and 9 August 1945 respectively.

To commemorate these historical events, the University of South Africa (Unisa) in partnership with the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) will host a seminar titled the United Nations at 80: The post-World War II peace architecture and the nuclear non-proliferation treaty seminar on Wednesday, 6 August 2025 at the Unisa Muckleneuk Campus in Pretoria.

The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, the Honorable Alvin Botes and the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Unisa, Professor Puleng LenkaBula are the keynote speakers at the seminar.

The following panelist will share stage to review the effectiveness of the Post World War II peace architecture in light of current military conflicts taking place in Africa, Europe and in the Middle East.

- **Ms Mutsa Mugangavari**, Deputy Head of Delegation, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Southern Africa
- **Prof Angelo Dube** from Unisa College of Law
- **Ms Noxolo Kunene**, Senior Manager: Licensing and Safety at South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (NECSA) and the President of Women in Nuclear South Africa (WINSA)
- **Mr Joseph Dube**, from the Institute of Disarmament and Arms Control.

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

Date: Wednesday, 6 August 2026

Time: 09:30 for 10:00

Venue: Senate Hall, 2nd Floor, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Tshwane.

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