

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Unisa to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Dr Thandika Mkandawire Memorial Lecture

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**Date: Thursday, 25 September 2025**

The University of South Africa (Unisa)'s College Graduate Studies (CGS), SARCHI Chair in Social Policy, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA and United Nation Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) will hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr Thandika Mkandawire Memorial Lecture on Thursday, 25 September 2025.

The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Andrew Fischer from the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus Rotterdam University, The Hague, Netherlands, under the theme "***Social Policy and the Demand Side of Alternative Development Pathways in Africa***"

Thandika Mkandawire is a Malawian economist and public intellectual who was the Chair of African Development and professor of African Development at the London School of Economics. He was a widely published scholar on the social sciences in Africa. He served as a Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and Executive Secretary of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa CODESRIA and a former board member of the Social Science Research Council. His research focused on the development theory and economic and social policy.

Dr Mkandawire was awarded honorary degrees by the University of Helsinki, University of Ghana and York University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He was also an Olof Palme Professor for Peace with the Swedish Institute for Future Studies.

Members of the media are invited cover the lecture as follows:

Date : Thursday, 25 September 2025

Time : 2:00 pm (CAT/SAST)

Microsoft Teams: <https://tinyurl.com/Thandika-2025>

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