

MEDIA ADVISORY

Unisa to hold official academic opening ceremony for 2025

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will hold this year's official academic opening ceremony on Friday, 14 February 2025. The event will be held at its main campus in Pretoria and also streamed via video link to all its six regional campuses as well as its satellite campus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The official opening of the academic year is a statutory annual event held for the purpose of, amongst others, rallying the university community behind a common objective, reflecting on past achievements and challenges as well as outlining the strategic direction of the university for a particular year.

This year's ceremony will be held under the theme "**Reclaiming Africa's Intellectual Futures into the next 150 years and beyond**" and will be addressed by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, **Mr Buti Manamela** (virtually), the Chairperson of the Unisa Council, **Dr DD Mosia** and the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Unisa, **Professor Puleng LenkaBula**.

The ceremony will take place as follows:

Date : Friday, 14 February 2025
Time : 10:00
Venue : ZK Matthews Great Hall, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa
Muckleneuk Campus, Tshwane

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the ceremony. They may also join the event via the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/ox3mKvp470s>

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