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Unisa to host the launch of the Academia-Public-Private and Diplomatic Corps Forum of the G20 Africa Investment Summit

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will host the launch of the Academia-Public-Private and Diplomatic Corps Forum at its main campus in Pretoria on Friday, 25 April 2025.

The forum is an outcome of the high-level panel of the G20 Africa Investment Summit, set up to examine the interplay between universities, business and governments and how these critical stakeholders can collaborate and leverage each other to accelerate Africa's economic development.

The launch, which will be held under the theme: **“Road to G20 Through Research, Innovation and Partnerships in the Intelligent Age”** will be attended by representatives from the academic, business and the diplomatic communities.

Unisa Principal and Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Principal: Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation, Professors Puleng LenkaBula and Thenjiwe Meyiwa will be among the key speakers at the launch.

There will also be addresses by high profile speakers such as the Honourable Professor Ntoi Rapapa, the Minister of Education and Training in the Kingdom of Lesotho (virtually), the Honourable Judith Nemadzinga-Tshabalala, the Deputy Minister of Labour in South Africa, the Honourable Matome Chiloane, the Gauteng Province MEC for Education, Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation, the Honourable Bitsa Lenkopane, North-West MEC for Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism, Professor Amany El-Sharif, the Vice President of the Pan African University and Global Board Member of the Africa Investment Summit (AIS), Dr Sindiswa Mzamo, the President of the Circle of Global Business Women (CGBW) as well as His Excellency Mr André Nzapayeke, the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps in South Africa.

The Africa Investment Summit is a global platform that brings together African policymakers, private sector players, investors and Friends of Africa to connect and explore strategic business insights as well as opportunities for 'Advancing Africa'. It provides an opportunity to advance critical policy frameworks that promote infrastructure development, sustainable economic growth, regional integration, manufacturing, industrialization and innovation across Africa.

The summit will also focus on fostering collaboration between entrepreneurs, academia, investors and governments; and aims to unlock Africa's potential by promoting cross-border investments, creating opportunities for industrialisation and supporting inclusive development.

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



Date: Friday, 25 April 2025

Time: 09:00 – 13:00

Venue: Senate Hall, 2nd Floor, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria

You can also attend virtually by clicking on the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/2INodwRpPfl?feature=share>

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