

## Media Advisory

### Unisa to Launch the Dr Motsoko Pheko Digital Archival Collection.

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The University of South Africa Library and Information Services invites the media to the launch of Dr Motsoko Pheko Digital Archival Collection on Friday, 23 May 2024, Unisa Muckleneuk campus in Pretoria.

Dr Pheko is a South African politician, lawyer, academic, author, and former anti-apartheid activist. After losing his parents in the 1930s, he moved to South Africa to live with his aunt, E.M. Moerane. Pheko joined the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) in 1960 and was imprisoned for his anti-apartheid activities before going into a 30-year exile. He was later detained in Mozambique and Southern Rhodesia.

Pheko represented the PAC in various international roles, including at the United Nations and the Commission on Human Rights. He worked across several countries, including the UK, Zambia, and Tanzania. He holds degrees in Political Science, Theology, Law, and International Law from institutions such as UNISA, the University of Zambia, the University of London, and the University of Kensington.

In 1964, Pheko co-founded Daystar Publications in Zimbabwe, later relocating it to Zambia. He also helped establish Daystar Communications, which evolved into Daystar University in Kenya. He founded the Tokoloho Development Association in South Africa, focusing on indigenous African knowledge.

Pheko served in several PAC leadership roles, including Deputy President (1995–2003) and President (2003–2006), and was a Member of Parliament. His expulsion from the PAC in 2008 followed legal disputes over party funds.

An advocate in South Africa and Zambia, Pheko has written extensively on African history, religion, politics, and law. His notable books include African Renaissance Saved Christianity, The Land Is Ours, and How Africans Can Regain Their Lost Power. UNISA has honoured him with an archive of his works.

The Unisa Library and Information Services invites the media to the historic launch of Dr Motsoko Pheko's Digital Archival Collection. Join us as we celebrate the unveiling of this significant digital heritage collection dedicated to one of South Africa's great leaders. Be a witness to this momentous occasion.

#### **The launch will take place as follows:**

Date: Friday, 23 May 2025

Time: 18h00-20h00

Venue: Protea Restaurant, Oliver Tambo Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria.

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