



## Media Advisory

### The 3rd Open Distance e-Learning (ODEL) Regional Model Symposium

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) in partnership with the Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL) and Botswana Open University (BOU), will hold three days Open Distance e-Learning (ODEL) Regional Model Symposium from 17 to 19 September 2024 in Rustenburg under the theme "***Redefining and Reimagining our Futures.***"

The symposium is convened annually and serve as a platform for scholars, policy makers and researchers to engage and collaborate on how to improve access to education by students from all social classes and underserved communities. It aims to collaboratively tackle the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 and the African Agenda 2063 on education, and to promote and create the desired educational curriculum and delivery through collaboration with African universities and other educational institutions in the region and beyond.

The three participating institutions intend to share expertise and good practices in teaching and learning, with the objectives to:

- Network and strengthen higher education quality assurance enhancement activities across universities in the region and Africa.
- Contribute towards building a quality assurance (QA) community of practice in the ODeL space.
- Share experiences (innovations) regarding the deployment of ODeL regional campus approaches/models in delivering the university academic project and student support services.
- Inspire strong collaborations and connections and build a network of inter-institutional audits that would lower the prohibitive costs of contracting Quality Assurance consultants.

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

**Date** : 17 - 19 September 2024

**Venue** : The Royal Marang Hotel, Plot 30 Boekenhoutfontein, R565, Rustenburg.



**Time** : 08:00 – 18:00

**/Ends.**

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