



Norwegian Embassy
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Unisa in conversation with Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide

The shifting geopolitical landscape and the partnership between Africa and Europe

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On the occasion of the visit by the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Hon Mr Espen Barth Eide, the University of South Africa (UNISA), the Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), and the Norwegian Embassy in Pretoria invite you to a conversation on the changing geopolitical landscape, and what role countries like the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of South Africa are playing to shape its contours.

Norway's interests are partly determined by factors such as its geographic location as a small coastal state in the High North, its open economy, and its dependence on international law and effective global institutions.

Relations between South Africa and Norway are founded on strong Nordic support and solidarity during the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Today, the two countries cooperate on a wide range of interlinking global issues that include global health, climate change, renewable energy, blue economy, peace and reconciliation, multilateralism, and trade and investment. South Africa and Norway also cooperate closely on women, peace and security, partnering on the Gertrude Shope Annual Dialogue Forum on Conflict Resolution and Peace-making in Africa.

The conversation will also be an opportunity to understand the new Strategy for Norwegian Engagement with African Countries, recently launched as a response to a changing geopolitical landscape and global challenges. It will equally be an opportunity to understand how Norway is navigating its way through a difficult geopolitical terrain, including its response to the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, and its position on efforts by the Global South to reform multilateral institutions such as the UN, World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Speakers includes Unisa Principal and Vice Chancellor Professor Puleng LenkaBula, Norwegian Foreign Minister, His Excellency Espen Barth Eide and voice from Student community.

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

Date: Friday, 30th August 2024

Venue: Senate Hall, UNISA Main Campus, Muckleneuk

Time: 14:00-15:00

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