

MEDIA ADVISORY

Unisa gears up for the official opening ceremony of its 2026 Academic Year

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will hold the official opening ceremony of its 2026 Academic Year on Thursday, 12 February 2026, at its main campus in Pretoria.

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.

The Chairperson of the Unisa Council, Dr DD Mosia and the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Unisa, Professor Puleng LenkaBula will respectively deliver addresses under the theme **“Reclaiming Africa’s Intellectual Futures into the next 150 years and beyond”**.

The university will use the occasion of the opening ceremony to recommit and rededicate itself to working towards a better and improved Unisa, as well as setting the scene for the present exciting opportunities in the higher education space.

The proceedings will be streamed via video link to all its six regional campuses as well as the university’s satellite campus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The official opening ceremony will take place as follows:

Date : Thursday, 12 February 2026
Time : 09:00
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/YuPeolONvI>

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