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Unisa to enter into MOU with Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (ESEPARC)

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) is to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (ESEPARC) on Monday, 11 February in Pretoria.

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework for collaboration for hosting public lecture series and collaborate on selected areas of research, community engagement development the sharing of facilities and other resources and matters related thereto.

The *ESEPARC* approach is to build sustainable national capacity to improve the quality and timeliness of public policies in Eswatini through conducting research in areas of economic policy formulation and management, provide training to government officials, provide policy advice, and promote policy dialogue within Eswatini.

This MoU will enhance the spirit of strengthening relations between both parties and to assist the ESEPARC to achieve its vision to be the leading Think Tank in public policy analysis and research within the SADC region. And to generate evidence and knowledge on economic policy effectiveness to enable informed decision making in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

“UNISA as a comprehensive, open distance public learning institution of higher education, with the vision toward the serves of humanity, is honoured to be part of this MoU. This MoU will to provide a framework within which the Parties will jointly host public lecture series, seminars, workshops and training. The ESEPARC will also, when necessary contract Unisa to provide training for participants by the ESEPARC as well as conducting research on its behalf” said Professor Mandla Makhanya, Vice-Chancellor and the Principal of Unisa.

The MoU shall come into effect upon signature by both Parties, will remain in force for three (3) years, and may be renewed by mutual written consent of both Parties.

The signing of the MoU is to take place as follow:

Date : Monday, 11 February 2019

Time : 13h00 – 15h00

Venue: Vice Chancellor’s VIP Lounge, 13th Level, OR Tambo Building
Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria

Members of the Media are invited to attend the lecture

For RSVP and interview request please contact Mr. Tommy Huma (Senior Media Liaison Officer) on 012 429 3981 / 072 218 6197 / humatm@unisa.ac.za

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