

# Programme

## Research and Innovation Week

**DATE: 20 MAY 2025**

**VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR NB PITYANA BUILDING, UNISA SCIENCE CAMPUS**

**PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: DR M PHAHLANE**

TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	All
09:30 – 09:40	Welcoming Remarks	Prof Simi Dube
09:40 – 10:00	The Changing Nature of Academic Profession in Higher Education: Academic Entrepreneurship.	Prof Linda Z. Liganiso
10:00 – 10:20	Refining Business Model for Scientific Research: Market Validation and Penetration.	Prof Thembela Hillie
10:20 – 10:40	Q&A	Dr Mampilo Pahlane
10:40 – 11:00	Tea break	All
11:00 – 11:20	The role of students in growing the economy of the country: Alignment to DHET Strategic Objectives (Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education).	Prof Usisipho Feleni
11:20 – 11:40	Funding Opportunities for students and academic entrepreneurs.	Dr Malebo Tibane
11:40 – 12:00	Q&A	Dr Mampilo Phahlane
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	All
13:00 – 14:30	Students “Pitch” and prize-giving	Prof Thembela Hillie
14:30 – 15:00	Tea Break & Departure	All