**FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2019**

**Theme:** “Africanisation of Postgraduate studies and MIT in an ODeL environment”

**Venue:** Senate Hall, Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria

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| 08:30 – 08:40 | Welcome Address                                                      | **Prof Sindile Ngubane-Makiwa**  
Head: Institute for Open & Distance Learning (IODL) |
| 08:40 – 09:00 | Introduction                                                        | **Prof Mpine Makoe**  
Professor: Institute of Open and Distance Learning (IODL) |
| 09:00 – 09:40 | Keynote Speaker  
**Title:** “Doctoral Education in a technological era” | **Prof Terry Anderson**  
Athabasca University Professor and Canada Research Chair in Distance Education |
| 09:40 – 10:00 | Q&A                                                                |                                                                              |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | **Title:** “Walking between worlds: exploring the interface between African and MIT approaches: Improving post-graduate research in an ODeL environment” | **Prof Rushiella Songca**  
Professor: School of Interdisciplinary Research |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | **Title:** “A learner-centred approach to graduate student support” | **Prof Hugo Lotriet**  
Director: School of Interdisciplinary Research |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Focussed discussion on topics                                      | **Prof Mpine Makoe**  
Professor: Institute of Open and Distance Learning (IODL) |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Q&A                                                                |                                                                              |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Vote of thanks                                                     | **Prof Lesiba Telfo**  
Director: School of Transdisciplinary Research Institutes (STRI) |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | **Showcasing CGS**  
*Community Engagement in CGS* | **Prof Sindile Mokiwa-Ngubane**  
Head: Institute of Open and Distance Learning (IODL) |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch                                                              |                                                                              |
Title: “Doctoral Education in a technological era”

Keynote Speaker: Prof Terry Anderson
Athabasca University Professor and Canada Research Chair in Distance Education

Prof Terry Anderson is a distinguished scholar in open, distance learning. He is a Professor Emeritus and former Canada Research Chair in the Centre for Distance Education and the Technology Enhanced Knowledge Research Centre at Athabasca University. Terry has published widely in the area of distance education and educational technology and has co-authored or edited 10 books and numerous papers. Terry’s books and research articles have, since 2004, been published under open access licenses so as to maximize their availability to all distance education practitioners, students and researchers.
Title: “Walking between worlds: exploring the interface between African and MIT approaches: Improving post-graduate research in an ODeL environment”

Presenter: Prof Rushiella Songca
Professor: School of Interdisciplinary Research

The presentation explores the use and relevance of MIT approaches in post graduate studies. It argues that these approaches help students to appreciate the interconnectedness of real life problems and the value of different disciplines in addressing these problems. The paper concludes by briefly interrogating intersections between MIT with African theories in addressing social problems.
Title: “A learner-centred approach to graduate student support”

Presenter: Prof Hugo Lotriet
Director: School of Interdisciplinary Research

The presentation focuses on the nature of graduate student support in an ODeL institution where the main priority is learner-centredness. Guiding principles for learner-centredness are proposed and the speaker reflects on the implications of these for effective graduate support in a mega-university such as UNISA.