



CONVOCATION

NOTICE OF THE POSTPONED 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNISA CONVOCATION

Chapter 3 of the Constitution of the Convocation read with paragraph 55 of the Institutional Statute confer responsibilities to the Convocation. In terms of these provisions, the Convocation has a duty to advise council or management on matters of present interest. The Convocation must support the academic project of the University; It has a duty to promote and protect brand UNISA; It must contribute towards matters relating to the best interests of the University; It is tasked with building and sustaining mutually beneficial relations with alumni, alumni chapters, and other individuals with an interest to the University; It has a duty to assist the University in mobilizing third-stream income as a percentage of total income to the University by building networks, creating opportunities, and opening opportunities for student placement as well as unemployed graduates. Convocation members act *pro bono*- they participate voluntarily without remuneration or being awarded benefits. Members can make individual donations towards student bursaries and other related activities. They are expected to advise Management Committee on current and future matters of interest. Members must nominate persons for the conferment of honorary degrees and perform or advise on such other functions as determined by Management Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Convocation met on 09 February 2024 and resolved that the 2023 AGM, which entails the election of the President of the Convocation, must be conducted through an online platform to enable full participation by all members of the Convocation. The Committee further resolved that ample time should be allocated to members of the Convocation to elect the President. In view of this the 2024 AGM shall be conducted in two parts, with the first session used to elect the President and the second session used to conduct the rest of the business of the AGM, including receiving the outcome of the election of the President.

In view of the foregoing the Principal and Vice Chancellor, Professor Puleng LenkaBula, hereby gives notice that the 2024 AGM of the Convocation shall be held as follows:

1. On Friday 28 June 2024 the meeting shall start at 10:00 AM, for purposes of explaining and officially opening the voting process.
2. The voting platform shall be made available to members from 11:00 AM, after which the meeting shall be adjourned to enable members to vote.
3. The voting platform shall be available for a period of twenty-four (24) hours until 11:00 AM on Saturday 29 June 2024, after which voting shall be closed.
4. The AGM shall resume on Saturday 29 June 2024 at 12:00 PM to proceed with the rest of the business of the AGM.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

In terms of section 57 (1) read with section 57(2) of the **Institutional Statute**, the President holds office for four years and is eligible for re-election to serve no more than two consecutive terms of office. **In terms of paragraph 58(1) of the Institutional Statute, read with the constitution, the President**, acts as Chairperson of all Convocation meetings, is a member of Council for the period he/she holds office as President of the Convocation and performs all additional functions as assigned by Convocation.

As contemplated in paragraph 58(3) of the Institutional Statute, any member wishing to nominate someone as President of the Convocation, or to place any matter on the agenda for consideration at the AGM must ensure that the Secretary of Convocation receives the nomination / motion at least two weeks before the date of the AGM. Only **members** are eligible for election as President. **In terms of paragraph 56(1)(f); (3), (4) and (5) of the Institutional Statute a "member" of the Convocation is a person on whom a degree has been conferred by the University (i.e. a graduate) or one on whom a diploma has been awarded by the University (i.e. a diplomate).**

AGENDA

28 June 2024:

10:00: Registration (confirming the Convocation roll)

29 June 2029:

12h00: Opening and Welcome

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of 04 December 2021.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 04 December 2021.

Report of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor / Acting President of the Convocation of the University of South Africa

Process for the amendment of the Institutional Statute

Questions and answer session

Outcome of Election of President of the Convocation

Inaugural address by the newly elected President of the Convocation

15h30: Vote of thanks and Closure

The nomination form for the election of the President of the Convocation, is available on this link: <https://www.unisa.ac.za/Convocation2024>. Members seeking to place any other matters on the Agenda are required to provide full details of the issue to be raised, the reasons for such motion and the desired actions and outcomes related thereto, in order to ensure that all members receiving notification of such matters can fully apprise themselves of such prior to the meeting. The nomination form for election of the President *accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae*, and / or any other proposed motions must reach the Secretary of Convocation by **Friday, 21 June 2024** at the following email addresses: convocation@unisa.ac.za and DepRegGovernance@unisa.ac.za.

Kindly [click here](#) to RSVP by **Friday, 21 June 2024**. The meeting link will be sent to you after your RSVP.