

## Media Advisory

### Prominent Experts to gather at Inaugural Accounting Sciences Symposium and Book Launch at Unisa

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Prominent academics and experts in the accounting field will participate in the Inaugural Accounting Sciences Symposium and Book Launch, hosted by the University of South Africa (Unisa)'s College of Accounting Sciences (CAS) on 15 and 16 May 2025 at Unisa's Muckleneuk Campus in Pretoria.

This groundbreaking convention will be held under the theme ***“Continuous Auditing with Artificial Intelligence (AI)”*** and forms part of Unisa's Catalytic Niche Area initiatives under its Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and Digitisation strategy. The symposium aims to convene world-leading experts and influential voices from the fields of auditing, artificial intelligence, governance, academia, and public service.

Prominent speakers include the following:

- Professor Puleng LenkaBula – Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Unisa
- Professor Mervyn King SC – Chair of the King Committee on Corporate Governance and the Integrated Reporting Committee of South Africa; author of the renowned King Code on Corporate Governance
- Professor Bonang Mohale – Chairman of Bidvest Group Limited and Chancellor of the University of the Free State
- Professor Miklos A. Vasarhelyi – Globally recognised as the father of continuous auditing, from Rutgers Business School, United States.
- Professor Mehmet Koçdemir – Chief Public Accounts Auditor, Ministry of Treasury and Finance, Republic of Türkiye.
- Mr. Vonani Chauke – Deputy Auditor-General of South Africa
- Dr. Busisiwe Vilakazi – Board Member at Eskom
- Mr. Letlhogonolo Moroeng – Head: Internal Audit – Business Solutions, Technology & Projects at the South African Reserve Bank (SARB)

The symposium will also include participation from government leaders, private sector executives, senior academics, global experts, and Unisa students. It aims to foster scholarly dialogue, innovation, and collaborative networks across disciplines.

A key highlight of the event will be the official launch of the book ***“Continuous Auditing with Artificial Intelligence”***. This forward-looking publication is tailored to public sector auditors and



the broader audit community. It explores the evolving role of auditors in the digital age and offers strategic insights into integrating AI to enhance effectiveness, innovation, and long-term transformation in audit practices.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the Symposium as follows:

**Date:** 15–16 May 2025

**Time :** 08:00 for 08:30

**Venue:** UNISA Main Campus, Kgorong Function Hall & Online (YouTube Livestream)

The event will be accessible to a global audience via YouTube on the following dates:

15 May 2025: <https://youtube.com/live/qOCjmDctQS0?feature=share>

16 May 2025: <https://youtube.com/live/eHj62U7xdBw?feature=share>

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