

WORLD Autism

AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE

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PROGRAMME

23 April 2024 – Function Hall, Kgorong Building, UNISA

Programme Director: Dr. S. Mbelu, Department of Inclusive Education

08:30-09:00	Arrival and Registration
09:00-09:05	Opening and Welcome: Prof. M.E. Makoe, Executive Dean, College of Education
09:05-09:15	Significance of World Autism Awareness and Acceptance: Dr J.M.C. Motitswe, Department of Inclusive Education
09:15-09:20	Introduction of MEC for Education
09:20-09:40	Address by the MEC for Education: Mr Matome Chiloane
09:40-09:45	Musical Item by Learners: UNICA School for Learners with Autism
09:45-10:05	Government's Role in Supporting Autism Awareness and Acceptance: The Honourable Mr P. Lesufi, Premier of Gauteng Province
10:05-10:15	Comfort break
10:15-10:30	Keynote Address 1: Autism Awareness and Support in Higher Education: Prof M.M. Sefotho, University of Johannesburg
10:30-10:45	Keynote Address 2: UNISA's Teaching & Learning, Community Engagement and Research on Autism: Prof M.G. Clasquin-Johnson
10:45-10:46	Musical Item
10:46-11:01	GDE programmes and activities to promote Autism Awareness and Acceptance: Dr Nausheen Ameen
11:01-11:11	From autism self-advocacy to advocating for the broader neurodiverse community: Dr E. Gouws, UNISA Postdoctoral Fellow & South Africa's Disability Rights Representative to the United Nations
11:11-11:25	Nonspeaking autism self-advocate: Ms. S. Pringle
11:25-11:35	Tea Break
11:35-11:45	Parents' role in supporting Autism Awareness and Acceptance: Mrs. Kim Hicks
11:45-11:55	Parents' role in supporting Autism Awareness and Acceptance: Mrs. Rhetabile Molapisane
11:55-12:05	Civil Society's role in promoting Autism Awareness and Acceptance: Ms. J. Carter, Director, Autism South Africa
12:05-12:10	Pre-recorded Address on World Autism Awareness and Acceptance Day: Ms. C. McClain-Nhlapho, The World Bank
12:10-12:20	UNISA Centre of Excellence in Disability: Prof N. Phasha, Lead, Centre for Excellence in Disability
12:20-12:30	Summation and Closure: Prof. R. Tabane, Director, UNISA School of Educational Studies
12:30-13:30	Networking and Lunch



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