

**Media Advisory:**

**UNISA SBL honours Dr Naledi Pandor with the 2025 Leadership in Practice Award**  
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The University of South Africa (Unisa)'s Graduate School of Business Leadership (SBL) is proud to announce that Dr Naledi Pandor will be honoured with the prestigious Leadership in Practice (LIP) Award at a gala ceremony on Thursday, 18 September 2025 at the Unisa SBL Midrand Campus..

The LIP Award recognises visionary and transformational leaders whose achievements add value to society and the economy, and whose intangible qualities, such as shaping values, shifting paradigms and inspiring people, set them apart.

Dr Pandor's unwavering voice and principled leadership, spanning education, governance, diplomacy and equity, have consistently uplifted communities, reframed national conversations and strengthened South Africa's global presence. Her career exemplifies the award's five pillars: vision, values, influence, results and contribution to the community

The Award is Unisa SBL's flagship recognition for individuals whose leadership advances society through vision, values and tangible impact. Importantly, the LIP recipient is nominated from within the SBL community, by UNISA SBL alumni, Advisory Board members and the Executive Committee. This peer-driven process reflects a genuine endorsement of exemplary leadership and service.

The Leadership in Practice Awards convene decision-makers from business, government, academia and civil society to celebrate leadership that shapes South Africa's future. Past honourees include Cyril Ramaphosa, Adv Thuli Madonsela, Trevor Manuel, Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng and Dr Judy Dlamini, underscoring the award's stature.

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

**Date:** Thursday, 18 September 2025

**Time:** 18:00 – 21:00

**Venue:** UNISA SBL, Cnr Janadel and Alexandra Ave, Midrand

**- Ends-**

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