

MEDIA ADVISORY

Unisa and the KZN Provincial Government to host the inaugural John Langalibalele Dube Public Lecture

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) and the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government will host the inaugural John Langalibalele Dube Public Lecture at the Durban International Convention Centre on Thursday, 13 July 2023.

The public lecture is a product of a partnership between the College of Economic and Management Sciences (CEMS) at Unisa and the Office of the Premier of the KwaZulu-Natal Province in honour of the founding President of the African National Congress and one of the foremost pioneers of the struggle for liberation in South Africa and the African continent.

The inaugural lecture will be delivered by renowned jurist, Retired Judge Thabani Jali. He is a former Deputy Judge President of the High Court of South Africa (KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Division), former Arbitrator Judge of the Competition Appeal Court, former Executive Chairperson of PriceWaterhouse-Coopers (Southern Africa) and incumbent Chairperson of TymeBank.

Also speaking at the event alongside Retired Judge Jali will be the Premier of Kwazulu-Natal, the Honourable Nomusa Dube-Ncube (Welcome Address), Unisa's Professor Khehla Ndlovu, Vice Principal : Strategy, Risk and Advisory Services (Message from Unisa), Professor Mathuku Mogale, the Executive Dean of the College of Economic and Management Sciences at Unisa (Overview of the lecture), Unisa's Professor Thenjiwe Meyiwa, Vice Principal : Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Internationalisation and UKZN's Professor Simangaliso Khumalo, Acting Dean : School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics (Discussants) as well as the grandson, Mr Langalibalele Dube (Replying on behalf of the family).

About John Langalibalele Dube

President Langalibalele Dube was not only the founding president of the African National Congress, but also a distinguished essayist, philosopher, educator, politician, publisher, editor, novelist and poet. An accomplished man of letters, his body of work includes *Umntu Isita Sake Uqobo Lwake (A man is his own worst enemy)*, *Insila kaShaka (Jeje, the Body Servant of King Shaka)*, *Ukuziphatha (On Behavior)* as well as biographies of the Zulu royal family.

Together with his wife, Nokutela Dube, they founded the first Zulu-English newspaper, *Ilanga lase Natal*, in 1903. The two of them are also credited with popularising *Enoch Sontonga's Nkosi Sikelela iAfrika*, which they first played at a meeting of the South African Native National Congress (now ANC) in 1912. The song, which was to become a rallying point for the liberation struggle, is now the bedrock on which the South African national anthem is built.

President Dube is also a recipient of the *National Order of Luthuli in Gold*, awarded for his exceptional leadership and contribution to the struggle for equal rights and a democratic South Africa. The order was awarded by the then President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki.



The media is invited to attend and cover the public lecture. The details are as follows:

Date : Thursday, 13 July 2023

Time : 18:00

Venue : International Convention Centre, 10 Walnut Road, Durban

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