

## Media Advisory

*Unisa to join the International Women's Day celebrations.*

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The 8<sup>th</sup> March marks the International Women's Day. To commemorate this day; the University of South Africa Women's Forum in collaboration with the South African Women in Dialogue (SAWID) and UNWomen, will hold the International Women's Day Seminar under the theme ***exploring DigitAll: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality.***

The theme is in line with some of key issues which affect women globally, e.g., access to technology, education in technology and technological advancement, abuse of technology and the protection of women and girls in digital spaces.

This theme is also aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming UNWomen's 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67), **"Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"**.

The International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually as a focal point in the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by Dr Elinor Sisulu, Executive Director of PUKU Foundation. She is expected to share some light on how she has begun to change the lives of numerous children with her PUKU range of digital books – giving a boost to education and opening new horizons of learning for our children, who need to be enriched as future citizens of this country.

Some of the discussion topics are likely to revolve around the following:

- How Digital Technologies are used in the advancement of women and education
- Digital Technologies in Africa – challenges and prospects in the advancement of women and gender equity

- The Abuse of Digital Technologies – Social Media shaming, sex abuse, digital sex trafficking – and how we can counteract this abuse.
- Way forward to using Digital Technologies to advance Gender Equity.

Details of the event are as follows:

**Date :** Wednesday, 08 March 2023  
**Time :** 10:00 - 12:00 (South African Time)  
**Venue:** Function Hall, 4th floor, Kgorong Building, Unisa Main Campus,  
Preller Street, Muckleneuk Ridge, Tshwane

Members of the media are invited to attend the seminar or join the event via the following link: [Click here for the YouTube Link](#)

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