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University of South Africa (Unisa) to hold the 2022 Transformation Conference

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The University of South Africa's Department of Leadership and Transformation will hold the 2022 transformation conference from 21 to 23 November 2022 at its main campus, Pretoria.

Keynote speakers in the conference under the theme "***Transforming scholarship after Covid-19 and in the context of 4th IR***", include Prof Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo, Dr Babalwa Magoqwana and Prof Monde Ntwasa

Prof Lumumba Kasongo is the Editor-in-Chief of African and Asian Studies published by Brill in the Netherlands and co-editor of the African Journal of International Affairs published by CODESRIA. The title of his keynote address at the conference is "*Imagining New African Higher Education Systems in the Context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Post COVID-19 Exigencies, and the Projection of the African Union's Agenda 2063: A Reflection*"

Dr Magoqwana is the interim Director for the Centre for Women and Gender Studies at Nelson Mandela University in Gqeberha. She is a fellow of the African Humanities Programme and a Research Associate of the South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) Chair in Social Policy at the University of South Africa (UNISA). The title of his keynote address at the conference is "*the Value of Transformation in Higher Education South Africa, Lost Opportunities and Co-Optation of Language: Tapping on Inimba as a Transformative Leaderships Approach*"

Prof Ntwasa is a Professor of Biotechnology at the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. He is also Acting as Deputy Executive Dean of CAES. The title of his keynote address is "Transformation is a process of liberation"

The conference will also form part of different panel discussions to engage and deliberate in various topics including the Conceptualization, development, and deployment of online teaching and learning in the post-covid-19 context as unavailability of data and unstable ICT infrastructure to all. And transforming scholarship After Covid-19 and in the context of the 4th Industrial Revolution (4th IR)

Transformation in the higher education has been part of the public discourse since the dawn of democracy in South Africa. Attempts to transform have taken various forms and



approaches. Many of these approaches drew from the post-colonial canon and have since been interrogated for their integrationist and reformist angles that make African epistemologies appear as appendages while western knowledge retains its mainstream status.

With moves towards 4IR scholarship and doing knowledge in the context of Covid-19, there has been debates suggesting that efforts to decolonize and Africanise have been eroded.

The conference aims to deal with some of those debates. Details of the event are as follows:

Date : 21 - 23 November 2022
Time : 08:30
Venue: Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Senate Hall, 2nd floor, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Preller Street, Muckleneuk, Pretoria

Members of the media are invited to attend the conference

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