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UNISA experts available for comments on 2020 State of the Nation Address (SoNA)

UNISA has a number of experts available to comment on the 2021 SoNA by President Cyril Ramaphosa. President Ramaphosa is set to deliver his fourth State of Nation Address (SoNA) on Thursday, 11 February at 19:00 in Parliament.

UNISA’s expert commentators will be able to provide relevant insight into this year’s SoNA by the president. The experts are listed below, with their contact details for those wishing to get them for comment.

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SoNA is the Government’s annual event delivered during the joint sitting of Parliament (the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces). The address is designed to outline progress made in the past year, highlight what still needs to be done and focus on the priorities of the 2021/2022 financial year.

The President speech marks the opening of the parliamentary year and it is attended by important political and governmental figures of South Africa, including former Presidents, the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court and other members of the judiciary, the Governor of the Reserve bank, Ambassadors and Diplomats to the Republic.

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