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Unisa Inhlanyelo Hub Certification Ceremony Celebrating Inaugural Success of Drone Divas

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The University of South Africa (Unisa)'s Inhlanyelo Hub is set to hold a certificate ceremony in celebration of the inaugural success of its drone divas initiative Tuesday, 12 March 2024.

The Certification Ceremony aims to recognize the achievements of the current cohort and to underscore Inhlanyelo Hub's unwavering commitment to empowering women in technology.

The recent launch of the program elicited celebration from stakeholders, mentors, and the first cohort of eighteen exceptional women who have embarked on this transformative journey. The Drone Divas initiative is poised to extend its impact this year, with a new cohort ready to join the ranks, advancing the mission to empower more women and harness the transformative power of drone technology to shape the future while dismantling gender barriers.

The Inhlanyelo Hub Drone Diva Programme took flight in September 2023, with a goal to empower women in aviation. The project encompasses drone pilot training, drone technology development (coding), drone industry optimization, and drone manufacturing. Applications from young women will once again be invited through the Unisa Alumni Office and established collaborators within the industry, following the successful model of 2023.

"The program's success serves as a testament to the organization's innovative approach in bridging the gender gap within the tech sector, providing women with practical skills and experiences in the burgeoning field of drone technology," said Prof Raphael Mpofu, Interim Chief Executive Officer.

"The certification ceremony is a testament to the strides made by Inhlanyelo Hub. As we continue our mission to empower women, the Drone Divas program stands out as a beacon of progress, highlighting our commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion in the rapidly evolving world of technology," added Mpofu.



Prof Annemarie Davis, the Project Manager at Inhlanyelo Hub, indicated that the Drone Divas program exemplifies Inhlanyelo Hub's dedication to creating opportunities for women in technology. The ceremony will serve as a platform to showcase the accomplishments of these pioneering women who have broken barriers and are ready to contribute significantly to the drone technology landscape.

Members of the media are invited to attend the certificate ceremony. The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Time: 10:00

Venue: Enoch Sontonga Conference Hall, Corner of Justice Mohamed and Steve Biko Streets, Unisa Sunnyside Campus.

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