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**“We have a responsibility not only to ourselves but also to the society from which we spring. No one else will take the challenge up.”**

**~ Bantu Stephen Biko**

**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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### **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Biko Memorial Lecture & the Conferring of Honorary Doctorate on Bantu Stephen Biko**

*Gauteng* - The Founder and Executive Trustee of the Steve Biko Foundation, Mr. Nkosingithi Biko, and the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the UNISA, Professor Mandla Makhanya, cordially invite you to cover the upcoming 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Biko Memorial Lecture.

This year's Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Ibbo Mandaza, internationally renowned speaker, analyst, author and academic, and Executive Chairman of the Southern African Political Economy Series Trust, in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Steve Biko's death in detention. Amongst many issues to be addressed Dr. Mandaza will reflect on the psychological aspects of Black Consciousness and Steve Biko in the context of the current narrative of *“Africa Rising”* and the challenges that are being faced.

The Lecture will be held at the Z.K. Matthews Hall at UNISA in Pretoria, commencing at 17h30 for 18h00 on Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The Lecture will be combined – in this year of the 40<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the death of Bantu Stephen Biko, and in the year in which he would have been 70 years old – with the conferring of a posthumous Honorary Doctorate on Bantu Stephen Biko by the University of South Africa.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Biko Memorial Lecture is open to the public, tickets are free and can be booked here: <http://rsvp.unisa.ac.za/index.php/971368?lang=en>

Media Registration is essential as space is limited and only accredited media will be granted access.

To confirm your attendance please contact the Steve Biko Foundation's Programme Officer, Mr. Thando Sipuye via email: [tsipuye@sbf.org.za](mailto:tsipuye@sbf.org.za) or call 011 403 0310 and UNISA's Senior Media Relations Officer, Mr. Tommy Huma via email: [humatm@unisa.ac.za](mailto:humatm@unisa.ac.za) or call 012 429 3981, providing your name, the media house you represent and any special requests that you may have in respect of media matters.

Please note that interviews with the speaker, Dr. Ibbo Mandaza, will not be granted individually, but questions should be posed to him at the post-ceremony Press Conference.

We would enjoy seeing you with us on this prestigious occasion.

### **About the Steve Biko Foundation**

The Steve Biko Foundation is a community development organization inspired by the legacy of Bantu Stephen Biko. The Foundation was established in 1998 and is dedicated to promoting the intangible aspects of development, namely identity, culture and values; the issues that speak to the soul of a nation.

The Foundation aims to intensify its efforts to strengthen democracy by championing dialogue, scholarship and programmes on the relationship between identity, agency, citizenship and social action.

The Foundation's programmes focus on:

- Consciousness - Who am I?
- Community - Making a societal contribution; and
- Core Skills - Skills development programmes for young people.

Alongside SBF's public dialogue initiatives, interventions take place in the areas of Arts & Culture, Education, Sports & Enterprise Development. Much of this work takes place at the Steve Biko Centre in the Ginsberg Township of King William's Town. In addition to training spaces, the Centre houses the Steve Biko Museum, Archives, Library and Conferencing facilities.

For more information about the Steve Biko Foundation contact Thando Sipuye via email: [tsipuye@sbf.org.za](mailto:tsipuye@sbf.org.za) or call 011 403 0310.

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Unisa is the largest open distance learning institution in Africa and the longest standing dedicated distance education university in the world. We enrol nearly one-third of all South African students.

Founded in 1873 as the University of the Cape of Good Hope, the institution became the first public university in the world to teach exclusively by means of distance education in 1946. Throughout the years, Unisa was perhaps the only university in South Africa to have provided all people with access to education, irrespective of race, colour or creed. This vibrant past is mirrored in our rich history, more particularly our massive and impressive database of alumni, some of whom are to be found in the most senior levels of society across the world.

Given our rootedness in South Africa and the African continent, Unisa today can truly claim to be the African university in the service of humanity.

We offer an unparalleled range of study choices, ranging from short courses and certificate programmes to three-and four-year degrees and diplomas, to over 400 000 current students. As one of the leading research institutions on the continent, our research efforts have won us numerous awards, recognitions and honours.

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