

MEDIA ADVISORY

UNISA Chancellor's Calabash Awards 2017

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The Chancellor of the University of South Africa (UNISA), Former President Thabo Mbeki will present the UNISA Chancellor's Calabash Awards to acknowledge outstanding South Africans who made or making a contribution towards the transformation and development of South Africa.

The Calabash Awards acknowledge and recognise extraordinary and outstanding South Africans, particularly its alumni; who have made a significant contribution towards shaping humanity. The event is also intended to profile the work of the university and in particular inform decision-makers in the public and private sector, as well as civil society about the role and importance of UNISA in the social and economic development of South Africa and the African continent at large.

The Chancellor's Calabash Awards are presented in four categories; and this year's awards will be presented to the following nominees:

1. The **Outstanding Educator Award** will be presented to **Ms Naledi Pandor**, the Minister of Science and Technology. The award acknowledges the contribution of any outstanding educator who has excelled in or advanced teaching learning, skills development and/or research in their area of expertise
2. The **Outstanding Alumnus Award** will be presented to **Ms Gill Marcus**, the ninth Governor of the South African Reserve Bank and the first woman to hold the position. The award acknowledges an outstanding alumnus who has excelled in their area of expertise and has made a significant contribution to our society.
3. The **Unisa Robben Island Award (Struggle heroine/woman prisoners)** *will be presented to Ms Sally Motlana*, a struggle heroine, woman prisoner and political activist. The award is named after Robben Island given the significant role of the island in South Africa's political history. The award recognises the role of political prisoners/activists (men & women) who sacrificed immensely towards the



liberation of South Africa and Unisa's ongoing commitment of being a university that provides opportunities for all.

4. The **Public Service Award** *will be presented to Dr Frene Ginwala*, former National Assembly Speaker. The award recognises South Africans who made or are making exceptional contributions in government structures.

The 2017 Awards ceremony will be held as follow:

Date : Thursday, 02 November 2017

Venue: Gallagher Convention Centre Midrand

Time : 18:00

Members of the media are invited to attend the event.

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