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### ***UNISA experts available for comments on the 2023 State of the Nation Address (SoNA)***

UNISA has several experts available to comment on the 2023 State of the Nation Address (SoNA). His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa is set to deliver his fifth SoNA on Thursday, 09 February 2023 at the Cape Town City Hall.

The following Unisa expert commentators are available to provide relevant insight into this year's SoNA by the President.

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	-International river basin politics e.g The greater Ethiopia Renaissance Dam (English)	
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Mrs Sanet Solomon	Politics Governance and political transformation, Political Conflicts (English)	082 316 1847

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 financial year.

The President's speech marks the opening of the parliamentary programme and is attended by important political and governmental figures in South Africa, including former Presidents, the Chief Justice of the Republic and other members of the judiciary, the Governor of the Reserve bank, Ambassadors and Diplomats to the Republic, amongst others.

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