

Programme

Research and Innovation Week

19 - 23 May 2025

Muckleneuk and Science Campuses

Proudly African, Globally Relevant

OFFICIAL LAUNCH: The 2025 RDA Journey Begins: 202 (thrive!)

Venue: Dr Miriam Makeba Concert Hall

- 8:30 Arrival and Registration
- 9:30 **Opening and formalities**
- 9:45 Video of RDA/UCDP Capacity Development Programmes
- 10:00 **Welcome**
Prof Thenjiwe Meyiwa
Vice-Principal: Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation, Unisa
- 10:15 **Setting the Stage: From Vision to Impact**
Prof Lessing Labuschagne
Executive Director: Research, Innovation and Commercialisation, Unisa
- 10:35 **Leading the Way: RDA Research Ambassadors' Awards**
- 10:50 Video: Your Path Begins Now!
- 11:00 **This is Your Time – 202 (thrive!) – Your Story Starts Here**
Dr Marianne Engelbrecht - RDA Programme Manager
- 11:30 Closing

A light lunch will be served in the foyer.

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Define tomorrow.