

THE INDEPENDENT ASSESSOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA, PROFESSOR NT MOSIA

COMMUNIQUÉ TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr BE Nzimande, on 13 September 2022 published in Government Gazette No. 46904, the Notice (Notice No. 2480) for my appointment as the Independent Assessor to conduct an investigation into the affairs of the University of South Africa. In terms of the Notice, the Independent Assessor appointment was for a period of 90 days from the date of publication of the Notice.

I hereby notify the University of South Africa community of the extension of my appointment as the Independent Assessor.

The Minister has in accordance with the provisions of Section 47 (1A) of the Higher Education Act, Act 101 of 1997, extended my appointment for a period not exceeding 90 days from 13 December 2022. The extension of appointment has been published in Government Gazette No 47738, Notice No 2869 of 14 December 2022.

I wish to thank the University Community for the co-operation during the first 90 days of the investigation. However, there is still much ground to cover with a considerable number of persons to interview. I am cognizant that the end of year holiday season is upon us, and many are travelling to visit their families or off on holiday.

The Assessment will resume its work next year with effect from **Monday, 9 January 2023**. I reiterate my previous appeal that we will call people at short notice, and I trust that I can continue to count on your co-operation to avail yourselves as such.

I also wish to again emphasize the independence of the process, and that no member of the University community or officer of the University should seek to influence unfairly or unlawfully or even to frustrate the assessment. I also wish to remind everyone that calls for submissions were open until **18 November 2022**.

Again, I trust that I can continue to count on the co-operation and support of the entire University community.

I wish you all a pleasant festive season and a prosperous 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mosia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Professor N. Themba Mosia
Independent Assessor for UNISA
Date: 14 December 2022