



*Office of the Principal and Vice Chancellor*

To our valued partners and donors

The University of South Africa (Unisa) is the only higher education institution in South Africa to carry the name of the country – making it the people’s university in the true sense of the word.

Over 14 decades, we have evolved into a distinctive open distance and e-learning university that puts people first. This is encapsulated in Unisa’s vision, to be *the African University shaping futures in the service of humanity*.

Just as we value our students, staff and alumni, we value and nurture our relationships with the donor community. Through the Unisa Foundation, we are committed to keeping you abreast of the vital development initiatives of the university. Your support for these will make a tangible difference to the lives of our students and the broader community we serve.

As the African university shaping futures, we invite you to partner with us in raising funds for research, projects and equipment and other vital infrastructural projects.

There are three main thematic areas where your support is required: the Access and Success project, Next Generation of Academics’ initiative, and Plugged in Students. However, should your organization have other funding priorities, Unisa is willing to engage you so that your needs are accommodated.

In addition, funding for student bursaries remains a priority as the funding Unisa has traditionally received from government has decreased markedly over the last few years. Unisa firmly believes that no deserving student should be excluded from pursuing their studies at our University, but we cannot achieve this alone. Your support is critical in our deserving students realising their dreams. Please assist us in shaping the futures of many more students.

Warm regards

Prof Mandla Makhanya

Principal and Vice-Chancellor