

Media Advisory

King, Hofmeyr and Habib to speak on higher education risks

Date: 29 November 2019

The University of South Africa (Unisa) will be hosting the third chapter of the Strategic Risk Leadership Conversations on Higher Education series on 3 and 4 December 2019. The theme is 'Disruption at the Base of the Pyramid – (therein) Unfolds a Paradox'.

South Africa's institutions of higher education continue to face major challenges. Despite delivering some of the finest brains for various sectors of industry and supporting efforts towards finding innovative solutions, the sector remains largely conservative. Innovation is stifled by strongly hierarchical structures, and decision-making processes are severely hampered by bureaucratic committee-premised hurdles.

It is against this background that the largest distance learning institution on the African continent, Unisa, will once again convene the Strategic Risk Leadership Conversations on Higher Education.

Speakers from different schools of thought will gather to distil definitive solutions embedded in the midst of institutions' daily challenges. The discussions will also look at what it takes to disrupt the status quo whilst seizing emerging innovative opportunities, such as embracing the art of navigating through fluidity whilst remaining competitive.

Speaking at the event will be Professor Extraordinaire Mervyn King, a senior counsel and former Supreme Court judge, Professor Adam Habib, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), and Advocate Willie Hofmeyr, former Special Director of Public Prosecutions who headed the Asset Forfeiture Unit of the National Prosecuting Authority.

The event will take place as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 03 December 2019

Time: 08:30 for 09:00

Venue: Senate Hall, 2nd Floor, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria

Theme:

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the event.

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