

MEDIA ADVISORY

Unisa to confer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (honoris causa) on the late Mr Philip Ata Kgosana

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will confer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (*honoris causa*) posthumously on political activist and Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) stalwart, the late Mr Philip Ata Kgosana, at a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, 5 November 2019, at the Unisa Main Campus.

Kgosana is known for leading a protest demonstration at the age of 23 on 30 March 1960, where 30 000 protestors opposing the country's pass laws marched from Langa to Cape Town. This peaceful march subsequently led to his arrest, following which he fled into exile. During his 30 years in exile, Kgosana demonstrated outstanding servant leadership qualities. He served at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) from 1976 until his retirement in 1996 as a programme officer in Uganda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Botswana.

The university will confer the honorary degree on the late Kgosana in recognition of his outstanding performance and political service over the years, his contribution to the campaign march he led in Cape Town towards the liberation of South Africa from colonial dominance and his dedication to the causes of social justice, liberation and equality.

The media is invited to attend and cover the event. The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 05, November 2019

Venue: ZK Matthews Hall, 2nd level, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building – Unisa Main Campus, Muckleneuk Ridge, Pretoria.

Time: 18:00

To RSVP and to request interviews, please contact Senior Media Officers Tommy Huma on 072 218 6197 / 012 429 3981 / humatm@unisa.ac.za OR Edgar Rathelele on 063 731 5456 / 012 429 3981 / ratheme@unisa.ac.za

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