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Unisa symposium to put a spotlight on multilingual pedagogies in higher education

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The University of South Africa (Unisa), through its Directorate : Language Services in the Department of Tuition Support, Facilitation and Learning, will host a symposium under the theme “**Multilingual Pedagogies: Innovations in Teaching, Learning and Research.**”

The symposium provides an opportunity for the institution to reflect on its ongoing pursuit of transformed knowledge production, curriculum development, and language policy through multilingual pedagogies. It will showcase the progress made in implementing translanguaging approaches at Unisa and highlight how these innovations are reshaping teaching and learning practices across the university.

A key feature of the programme will be practical demonstrations by academics who have begun integrating multilingual teaching strategies into their lessons. These presentations will illustrate how multilingual pedagogies can enhance student success, promote inclusion, and create more equitable learning environments.

The keynote address will be delivered by **Professor Ofelia García** of the Graduate Centre, City University of New York, USA. Internationally renowned for her pioneering work in bilingual education and translanguaging, Professor García has significantly influenced multilingual education policy and practice worldwide. Her contributions have earned her numerous international accolades, including election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost scholars in bilingual education and multilingualism.

Responding to the keynote address will be **Dr Clyde Ancarno**, a researcher in applied linguistics whose work focuses on multilingual education, discourse analysis, and the role of language in diverse educational contexts.

The symposium is expected to attract academics, language practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and students interested in advancing multilingualism and fostering inclusive education in higher education and beyond.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the event as follows:

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2026

Venue: Unisa Muckleneuck Campus, Protea Function Hall – OR Tambo Building

Time: 07:30 for 08:00

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