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Unisa, Russian Embassy and the Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH) to host the Africa-Soviet solidarity in the liberation struggle exhibition

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) in partnership with the Russian Federation Embassy and the Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH), will be hosting an exhibition on Thursday, 23 July 2026 at Unisa Muckleneuk Campus in Pretoria.

This public display will be hosted under the title "**Solidarity in struggle against colonialism and apartheid USSR/Russia and the African liberation**", with the aim to examines the historical relationship between Africa, the Soviet Union, and contemporary Russia. It will draw on a rich selection of photographs, archival materials, and historical documentation to explore the role of Soviet foreign policy in supporting African liberation movements and anti-colonial struggles during the twentieth century, with a particular focus on Southern Africa.

Visitors will be introduced to the military, political, educational, and cultural assistance extended to liberation movements that fought against colonialism, racial oppression, and apartheid. The exhibition will further showcase the narratives of international solidarity, diplomatic cooperation, military training, educational exchange, and support networks that connected African freedom fighters, students, and political leaders with the Soviet Union.

Through these historical narratives, the exhibition invites audiences to reflect on the complexities of solidarity, internationalism, decolonisation, and the enduring legacy of liberation struggles across the African continent. It will also provide opportunities to consider the lasting impact of these historical connections on contemporary Africa–Russia relations.

Address will be delivered by **His Excellency, Mr Roman Ambarov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Lesotho.**

Guests include **Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma** (former Cabinet Minister and Chairperson of the African Union Commission)**, Dr Jane Mufamadi** (Chief Executive Officer/CEO of the Freedom Park) and delegates from Venezuela Embassy.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the event as follows:
Date : Thursday, 23 July 2026
Time : 15:00 – 18:00
Venue : Unisa Art Gallery, Ground Floor, Kgroong Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria

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