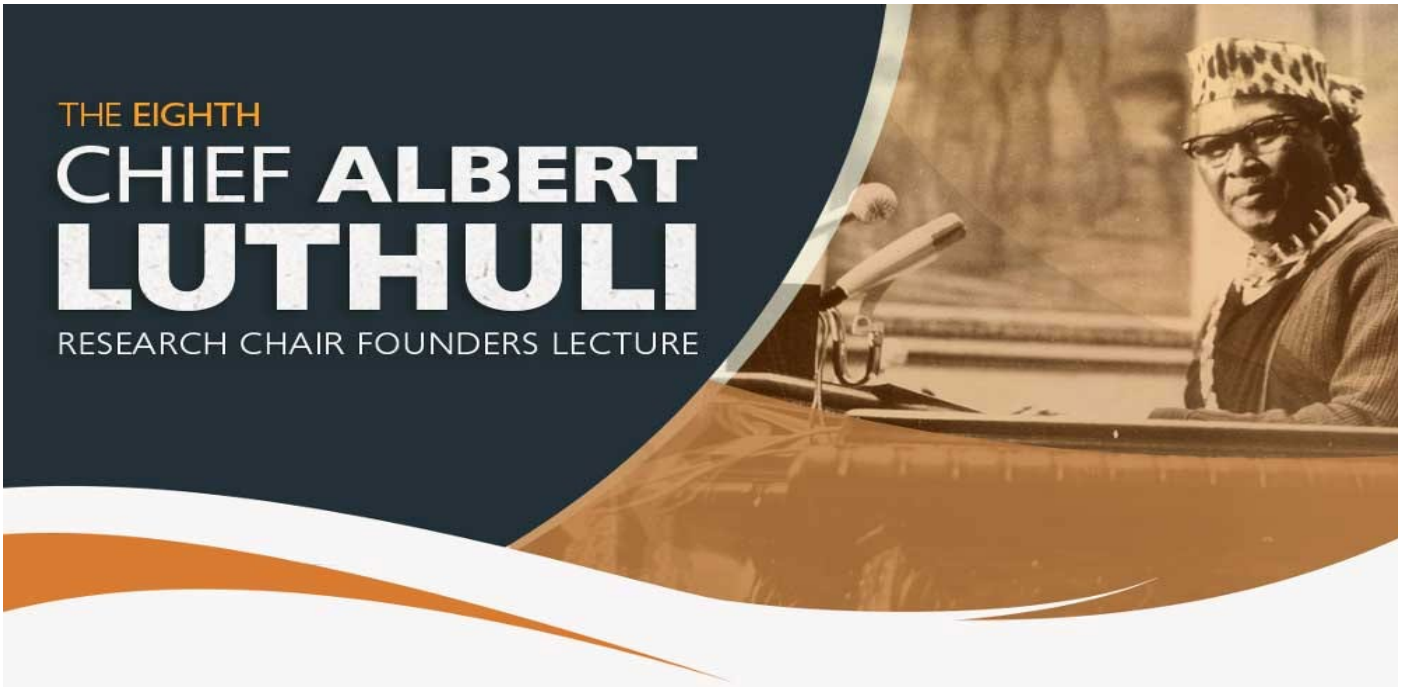

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Speaker of the National Assembly and Botswana Member of Parliament Hon. Dithapelo Keorapetse to deliver keynote address at the 8th Chief Albert Luthuli Research Chair Founders Lecture at Unisa.

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Date: Monday, 21 September 2026

The University of South Africa (Unisa) in partnership with the Luthuli Museum, will host the 8th Chief Albert Luthuli Research Chair Founders Lecture on Friday, 25 September 2026 at the Unisa Muckleneuk campus in Pretoria.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by Botswana **Speaker of the National Assembly and** Member of Parliament, **Honourable Dithapelo Keorapetse** under the theme "***Governance and Institutional Quality: Strategic State-Led Investment***", followed by responses from key academics and scholars, **Prof Patricia Lindelwa Makoni** from the Department of Finance, Risk Management and Baking African, Unisa College of Economic and Management Sciences, and **Prof Tankiso Moloi,** the Executive Dean, College of Business and Economics, University of Johannesburg (UJ).

The lecture aims at investigating how South Africa can transition toward an entrepreneurial state that effectively leads inclusive, innovation-driven growth. Further, it will examine how institutional reform can empower the state to act as a strategic partner in development, rather than merely a bureaucratic overseer.

Hon. Keorapetse is a Motswana politician who is the current Speaker of the National Assembly of Botswana since November 2024. He has a background in political science and public administration, having worked as a lecturer at the University of Botswana and in various capacities within the Botswana Police College and the Botswana Defence Force.

Chief Albert Luthuli is one of the preeminent sons of Africa and the world. His life and works is recognised through the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize, contributed immensely to world peace, friendship, and human civilisation. The previous lectures were presented by luminaries such as Prof Muxe Nkondo (2019, 2020), the South African Minister of Defense and Military Veterans, Ms. Thandi Modise (2021), Her excellency, the first lady of Namibia, Mrs Monica Geingos (2022), Prof Horace Campbell (2023), Prof Rev Allan Boesak (2024) and Ambassador Thenjiwe Mtintso (2025)

The lecture will take place as follows:
Date : Friday, 25 September 2026
Time : 17:30
Venue : Function Hall, 4th floor, Kgorong Building, Unisa Main Campus, Preller Street, Muckleneuk Ridge, Tshwane

Members of the media are invited to attend the event or to join via the following link:

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