MEDIA INVITATION

Unisa TM School to Host Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Seminar on Tectonic Shifts in Global Politics

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Date: Thursday, 18 June 2026

The University of South Africa (Unisa), through the Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs (TM School), will host a Diplomatic Seminar titled “Tectonic Shifts in Global Politics” on Tuesday, 23 June 2026, at the Unisa Muckleneuk Campus in Pretoria.

The seminar will feature His Excellency Dr Saeed Khatibzadeh, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the guest speaker.

Born in 1976, HE Dr Saeed Khatibzadeh currently serves as Deputy Foreign Minister and President of the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Throughout his distinguished diplomatic career, he has held several senior positions, including Ambassador of Iran to Croatia, Deputy Foreign Minister and Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Adviser to the Foreign Minister, and Director-General of IPIS. He has also served in Iran’s diplomatic missions in Germany and Canada.

In addition to his diplomatic responsibilities, Dr Khatibzadeh has authored and contributed to numerous scholarly articles and national research projects. He has represented the Islamic Republic of Iran at various international forums, conferences, and multilateral assemblies, contributing to dialogue on international relations, diplomacy, and global affairs.

The seminar will provide a platform for critical engagement on the evolving dynamics of international relations and the profound shifts shaping the contemporary global political landscape.

DATE: Tuesday, 23 June 2026

TIME: 11:30 – 13:30

VENUE: Functions Hall, 4th Floor, Kgorong Building, Unisa Main Campus

Follow the Link to RSVP: https://forms.office.com/r/xvw8iT25L5

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