

# Programme

## Research and Innovation Week

25 - 29 May 2026

Muckleneuk and Science Campuses

Thursday, 28 May / 9h00 / Senate Hall

Programme Director: Mr NDBaloyi

THEME: Unisa's Catalytic Niche Areas - Powering Change

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
8h30	Registration & Tea	
9h00	Official Welcome to CEMSR&I	Dr MT MaseTshaba Acting Executive Dean: CEMS
9h10	Driving change through discovery	Dr TL Ngonyama-Ndou Head: OGSR
9h20	Keynote Speaker	Prof MP Sithole CEO: National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences
9h50	Infusing CNAs in CEMS	Prof P Makoni Department of Finance, Risk Management and Banking
10h30	Fostering Partnerships & Collaborations	Dr L Gadzikwa CEO: Hand in Hand Southern Africa
10h50	Panel discussion facilitated by Prof TE Nenzhelele, Director School of Operations Management	Prof W Chinyamurindi – Professor UHI Dr E Ndlovu – Director BizPreneur Ms Y Makhasi – Executive Director: Legislative Sector Support, Parliament of South Africa Dr CA Leke, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accountancy - UJ
11h40	Vote of thanks	Prof K Jordaan Distinguished Professor: CEMS
11h45	Lunch & networking	