

# Invitation

## Research and Innovation Week

25 - 29 May 2026

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**INSTITUTE FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING PRESENTS A  
RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

**4IR and Digitalisation: Catalysing Access, AI Literacy,  
Openness, and Innovation in ODeL at Unisa**



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**Date:** 26 May 2026

**Time:** 09:00 – 15:00

**Venue:** Function Hall, Kgorong Building

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