

Programme

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Programme Director: Wandile 'Mgabadeni' Dladla: Speaker and Radio Personality

Programme Item	Speaker
Opening	Ms Hetta Pieterse: Commissioning Editor Unisa Press
Welcome & Setting the Scene	Prof M Ngoepe: Acting Vice-Principal: Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation
Unisa Press Offering (Journals & Books)	Dr Meiya G Nthoesane: Director Unisa Press
Facilitator: Introduction of the Book and Author/Contributors	Mr Wandile "Mgabadeni" Dladla: Speaker and Radio Personality
Perspectives / Contributions on the Book	Dr Mavuso Msimang: Author
Perspectives / Contributions on the Book	Mr David Lewis: Contributor Foreword
Perspectives/ Contributions on the Book	Adv. Siphon Mantula: Human and People's Rights Defender in Afrika
Discussion	All
Closing / Vote of Thanks	Dr LD Madikiza: Books Editor Unisa Press

**Book Sales, Book Signing
Networking & Refreshments**

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The Author of the Book: Mavuso Walter Msimang began his career in the anti-apartheid struggle as part of the underground African National Congress (ANC) leadership at University of Fort Hare. Trained in Moscow, he later served in Tanzania and Zambia, including on the MK Military High Command and as secretary to Oliver Tambo. He holds a science degree from University of Zambia and an MBA from the International University in San Diego. His international development work included roles with the World Food Programme, CARE Canada, and other agencies across Africa.

After returning to South Africa, Msimang led transformation in several public institutions, serving as CEO of South African National Parks, founding CEO of KZN Tourism, and chairperson of Corruption Watch. He also co-founded African Parks Network and continues to serve on leading conservation and governance boards.



Programme Director: Wandile 'Mgabadeli' Dladla is a corporate professional, motivational speaker, poet, podcaster, and traditional African healer whose personal journey through depression inspired his mission to support emotional healing and personal transformation. Trained in Applied Metaphysics and certified in the Heal Your Life philosophy of Louise Hay, Wandile combines modern healing practices with indigenous African spiritual wisdom. He is the founder of Mgabadeli Link, a platform dedicated to empowerment through education, community development, philanthropy, and business initiatives. Through his work, he continues to inspire individuals toward self-discovery, healing, and purpose.



UNISA Press Director: Dr Meiya G. Nthoesane is a distinguished executive leader, serial entrepreneur, professional manager, turnaround strategist and executive coach. He began his career as a physiotherapist and has since built a diverse career spanning senior management and leadership roles across both the public and private sectors. He holds a Doctor of Business Leadership, with expertise in finance, leadership and organisational transformation. An accomplished author, academic contributor and motivational speaker, Dr Nthoesane has written several professional and academic books and papers. His latest authored titles include *The Art of War Revisited* and *The Art of Silence*, both reflecting his deep interest in strategy, leadership, personal mastery and the disciplined use of power, wisdom and influence.



In terms of non-academic service to Afrika and South Afrika, Siphon Mantula is a media contributor and analyst with various media houses in South Afrika and internationally, tackling issues of Afrikan elections, conflict resolution, cultural diplomacy and human and people's rights.