



MEDIA ADVISORY

Ambassador Thenjiwe Mtintso to deliver keynote address at the 7th Chief Albert Luthuli Founders Lecture at Unisa

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) in partnership with the Luthuli Museum, will host the 7th Chief Albert Luthuli Research Chair Founders Lecture on Friday, 7 November 2025 at the Unisa Muckleneuk campus in Pretoria.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by renowned South African anti-apartheid activist, and politician **Ambassador Thenjiwe Mtintso** under the theme "**Reclaiming African Languages: Identity, Knowledge, and Educational Transformation**", followed by responses from key academics and scholars, which include **Prof Daniel Matljila** from the Department of African Languages, Unisa College of Human Sciences, and **Ms Nkhumisang Feni**, Indigenous Knowledge Systems Documentation Centre (IKSDC) Coordinator, North West University (NWU).

Ambassador Thenjiwe Mtintso held several key positions in the South African government, she was Chair of the Commission of Gender Equality in 1997, and in 2007 she was appointed as South Africa's Ambassador to Cuba, which was followed her being subsequently appointed as South Africa's Ambassador to Italy in 2010. She recently retired in July 2025 after her last posting as South Africa's Ambassador to Namibia.

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) and Prof Rev Allan Boesak (2024).

The lecture will take place as follows:

Date : Friday, 7 November 2025
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:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/y0qlP9j6KWU>



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