



**UNISA COLLEGE OF LAW 2026
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Programme

21 April 2026

Unisa Main Campus, Senate
Hall and ZK Matthews,
Winnie Madikizela
Building

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**Theme: *Collaborating for Impact: Shaping the Future
of Law and Criminal Justice***



Prof AM Mangu

Prof Andre Mbata B Mangu is an Extraordinary Professor of law in the Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law, University of South Africa. He is an Ordinary Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He is a Member of the DRC National Assembly, the President of the Legal Commission of the National Assembly and the Former First Deputy Speaker of the DRC National Assembly.

Prof Mangu is the founder of the Institute for Democracy, Governance, Peace and Development in Africa (IDGPA). He is an expert on constitutional and international human rights law, and has written extensively on democracy, human rights and other governance issues. He is a member of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA).



Dr JB Skosana

Dr JB Skosana is serving a second term as a member of the Commission. In his first term, he served as a full-time member of the Commission from February 2022 to October 2023.

Prior to his appointment to the Commission in February 2022, he served in various positions within the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJ&CD), including as a public prosecutor, Magistrate, Deputy Director-General responsible for Court Administration and head of Policy in the Department. He also served as Acting Director-General of the DOJ&CD from October 2019 to July 2020. He is enrolled as a practicing advocate under the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 and serves as an Arbitrator and Mediator Practitioner, focusing largely on land matters. He obtained a Doctor of Philosophy in law from the University of Fort Hare in 2024. He also works as an independent law and policy researcher and legal writer.

Dr Skosana serves on the Advisory Committee on the Review of the Criminal Justice System as the designated lead Commissioner and is the project leader for the AC on the Review of the laws regulating the Funeral Parlours, Crematoria, Cemeteries and Related Services Industry (Project 147).



Madam Justice MD Lenyai

Judge Lenyai was appointed as a Judge of the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Pretoria on 1 June 2023. Until her recent appointment a judge, Practiced as an Attorney, Notary and Conveyancer under name and style of Mabaeng Lenyai Inc.

Judge Lenyai is a member of the South African Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges (SAC-IAWJ). She is currently serving on the Executive Committee as the Deputy Vice President Publications as well as a Council member of the Organisation. She is passionate about mentoring young minds and is currently a mentor of final year law students under the banner of the SAC-IAWJ Gauteng Region Mentorship Programme. She is also one of the judges who participate in the Pupillage Motion Court Workshops, which are convened by the Pretoria Society of Advocates (PSA).



Prof W Domingo

Professor (Prof) Domingo is the former Executive Dean at the Faculty of Law at the University of Johannesburg (March 2021 – August 2024). She was the Head of the School of Law at the University of Witwatersrand, where she was an Associate Professor of Law at the same institution and taught for over 16 years.

She has taught a variety of subjects, which include Persons and Family Law, Law of Succession, Constitutional Law, Gender and the Law, International Law, Jurisprudence and Islamic Law. She holds an LLM from Columbia University and a Doctor of Juridical Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is involved in family law and Road Accident Fund mediation and teaches Constitutional Law and the Law of Succession.

Prof Domingo is serving a second term and the Deputy Chairperson of the SALRC. She serves as the Project leader for the Alternative Dispute Resolution: Contact and Care with Children (Project 100A) investigation; the Single Marriage Act, including measures against sham marriages (Project 144), and Domestic Violence: The Criminal Law Response (Project 100F).



Adv DJ Mahon

Advocate Don Mahon SC is a senior counsel and the current Chairman of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates. He has served on its Bar Council for many years in a range of capacities. He is widely regarded as a leading practitioner in commercial and company law, with particular expertise in business rescue, insolvency, construction and engineering disputes, and administrative and constitutional law.

His practice encompasses complex litigation and arbitration, often involving intricate questions of governance, regulation, and contractual interpretation. He has also lectured widely in the fields of construction law and alternative dispute resolution. Advocate Mahon has acted as a judge on numerous occasions in both the North and South Gauteng Divisions of the High Court of South Africa, contributing to the development of the law across a broad spectrum of matters. He is the founder of the Mahon Foundation, a charitable trust dedicated to promoting and enhancing the empowerment of underprivileged and previously disadvantaged practitioners, learners, and students.



Adv S Lötter

Advocate S Lötter joined the Pretoria Society of Advocates in 2019 and now practices at Brooklyn Chambers. Before this, she was a professor of criminal law for twenty-two years at Unisa. She serves on the Refugee Appeal Board (RASA) and as a panel member of Mediation in Motion Mediators' Court Annexed Mediators. Furthermore, she holds the position of Chairperson at the Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa.



Mr N Mvundlela

Mr Mvundlela is the current President of the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) and director at Mvundlela and Associates in Thohoyandou. He has held several significant leadership roles in the legal profession, including President of the Black Lawyers Association (BLA) in 2024 and subsequently elected President of the LSSA at its Annual Conference and AGM in March 2025.

He has previously served as a Council member of the LSSA, a member of its Management Committee, a Council member of the South African Judicial Education Institute, Chairperson of the Legal Services Committee, and as Deputy Chairperson and Board member of Legal Aid South Africa. Mr Mvundlela holds a BA Law and LLB from the University of Venda, as well as a Diploma in Corporate Law from the University of Johannesburg.



Major-General (Dr) Mnisi

Major General (Dr) Eric Mnisi is the Adjutant General of the Defence Legal Services Division (DLSD) in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

Major General (Dr) Mnisi holds a Doctoral Degree. Under his leadership, the DLSD has undertaken several notable initiatives, including the opening of the School of Military Law and Leadership in March 2026 and the Mafadi Exercise, a hands-on combat readiness programme for military legal practitioners.

He has also championed women's empowerment within the DLSD.



Major General Matlou

Major General Charity Matlou is the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) at the South African Police Services (SAPS) National Head Office. Established in 2016, the Risk and Integrity Management component which she leads is responsible for risk management, fraud prevention and integrity-related matters across the SAPS.

She holds a BTech in Forensic Investigation from the University of South Africa (UNISA), with specialisations in forensic interviewing, forensic methods and techniques, identification, and intelligence. She is a qualified Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Ethics Officer (EO), and Certified Risk Management Practitioner (CRM PRAC).

Major Gen Matlou has extensive experience in forensic investigations, having served as a Senior Manager for Forensic Investigations and Quality Assurance within SAPS. She represented her division publicly at the Rand Show 2025, where the component promoted integrity management and risk awareness to SAPS members and the public.



Dr J Dabampe

Mr Dabampe is the president of the UNISA Convocation. He brings a wealth of experience in public administration and governance to Convocation. He has served in various capacities within the Lekwa-Teemane Municipality in the Northwest Province. Currently, Mr Dabampe is a Member of the Provincial Legislature (MPL) in the Northwest Provincial Government. He is also affiliated with the South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM).

His extensive practical experience is complemented by a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Science and Public Administration from UNISA, as well as a Certificate in Leadership in Municipal Governance from Wits University. Together, his education and service record reflect a deep understanding of governance and public sector leadership.



Ms N Mia

Ms Nabeelah Mia is the National Director of Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), a position she assumed on 1 April 2026. She holds a BSocSci in Law and Psychology and an Honours degree in Psychology, both from the University of Cape Town, as well as a Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), specialising in Public Interest Law and Policy, and International and Comparative Law.

Ms Mia began her legal career as an attorney at Webber Wentzel and thereafter clerked at the Constitutional Court of South Africa for Justice Nonkosi Mhlantla. She has also worked at Sonke Gender Justice, the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (a Centre of the University of Johannesburg), and the Centre for Environmental Rights.

She joined Lawyers for Human Rights in July 2021 as an attorney, and from July 2022 served as Head of the Penal Reform and Detention Monitoring Programme and member of LHR's Senior Management Team. Her work has focused on torture prevention, the rights of persons deprived of their liberty, and alternatives to detention in both criminal justice and immigration contexts. As National Director, she leads LHR alongside Deputy Director Kayan Leung, forming the organisation's first all-female executive leadership team.



Mr P Moloto

Mr Moloto is a dedicated community leader and advocate for substance abuse recovery who plays an important role in the development and support of the Limpopo Anti-drugs, Gangsterism and Crime (Ladgac) Rehabilitation Center. He is passionate about helping individuals overcome addiction and rebuild their lives through structured rehabilitation, counselling, and community support. With a strong commitment to social development, Mr Moloto contributes to the strategic direction and growth of the center, ensuring that the organisation provides safe, supportive, and effective rehabilitation services to individuals struggling with drug and alcohol dependency.

His leadership supports the center's mission to restore dignity, promote recovery, and reintegrate patients back into their families and communities. Mr Moloto believes that addiction recovery requires compassion, discipline, and strong community involvement. Through his work with Ladgac Rehabilitation Center, he advocates for accessible rehabilitation services and works to strengthen partnerships with community stakeholders, families, and social development structures.

His vision is to see Ladgac Rehabilitation Center become a trusted institution that transforms lives and contributes to healthier communities by reducing substance abuse and supporting long-term recovery.



Adv N Mnisi

Adv Mnisi is an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa, with a multidisciplinary legal background spanning, inter alia, forensic investigations, construction and engineering law, procurement law, international and national human rights law, labour law, family law and constitutional governance. She holds a LLB from UNISA and BA (Hons) in Business Studies from the University of Greenwich, and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Constitutional and International Law in Environmental Law.

She participated in the All Africa Moot Court Competition 2018 held in Accra, Ghana, representing the UNISA. She has been recognised through speaking engagements at prominent international and continental platforms, including the World Congress for Constitutional Law and the African Bar Association Conference.



Mr M Maduane

Mr Mpho Maduane is a final-year LLB student at the University of South Africa and has completed a Higher Certificate in Criminal Justice in UNISA and a computer-based course at the University of Pretoria, complementing academic study with digital proficiency relevant to modern legal practice. Mr Maduane is currently serving as President of the Unisa Law Students Association, leading student engagement, campus programmes, and peer support initiatives for the students in the College of Law.



Mr N Mabilane

Mr Nkosianthi Mabilane is a student leader and activist, currently serving as the President of the Student Representative Council (SRC) at the University of South Africa (UNISA), Treasurer General of the South African Union of Students (SAUS), and a member of the UNISA Council. He is a committed advocate for student rights, access to quality education, and institutional accountability. During his tenure, he has played a key role in defending the integrity of the university, advancing student governance, and championing progressive policies that prioritize student welfare.

His leadership is grounded in principles of social justice, ethical governance, and transformative student activism. Mabilane has also represented student interests on continental platforms, participating in academic and policy dialogues across Africa.

As a member of the EFF Students Command, he remains actively engaged in broader struggles for economic freedom, equality, and youth empowerment.

Tuesday: 21 April 2026

08:00 – 08:45 Registration

OPENING SESSION Programme Director: Prof M Farisani Director: School of Law, UNISA, College of Law	
09:00 – 09:05	Conference Announcement and Remarks: Prof M Farisani
09:05 – 09:15	Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of South Africa (UNISA) Prof M Budeli-Nemakonde: Executive Dean, UNISA, College of Law
09:15 – 09:35	Opening Address and Official Opening of the Conference Prof Puleng LenkaBula: Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of South Africa
09:35 – 09:40	Introduction of Keynote Speaker Prof M Budeli-Nemakonde: Executive Dean, UNISA, College of Law
09:40 – 10:15	Keynote Address: Hon Justice MB Molemela: Judge President of the Supreme Court of Appeal of the Republic of South Africa Topic: Reimagining Justice through Feminist, Womanist, and Bosadi Perspectives in a Digitally Borderless World
10:15 – 10:30	Engagements
10:30 – 10:45	Tea Break
PLENARY SESSION ONE Programme Director: Prof M Thobane Department of Criminology and Security Science, UNISA, College of Law	
10:45 – 10:50	Opening Remarks: Prof M Thobane

10:50 – 11:00	Introduction of Plenary Speakers: Prof T Manamela , Head of Graduate Studies and Research, UNISA, College of Law
11:00 – 11:20	Plenary Speaker: Adv B Ford : Chairperson of the South African Bar Association Topic: The role of law and criminal justice in a digitally borderless world
11:20 – 11:40	Plenary Speaker: Prof C Okorie : Founder: Data Science Law Lab, and Principal Investigator: Catalyzing AI's potential in Africa through IP innovation, University of Pretoria Topic: African-centred approaches to governance in the context of global technological shifts
11:40 – 12:00	Plenary Speaker: Dr D Matotoka : Chief Executive Officer: Commission for Gender Equality Topic: Cyberbullying in a borderless digital world: A legal and human rights issue in South Africa
12:00 – 12:15	Engagements
12:15 – 12:20	Closing Remarks and Announcements
Lunch 12:20 – 13:00	

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13:00 – 13:05	Opening Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Prof M Budeli-Nemakonde , Executive Dean, UNISA, College of Law
13:05 – 13:35	Keynote Address: Prof A Mangu , The Institute for Democracy, Governance, Peace and Development in Africa Topic: The Future of Legal Research, Profession and Practice in Africa in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
13:35 – 13:55	Plenary Speaker, Commissioner (Dr) JB Skosana , The South African Law Reform Commission Topic: Modernisation and Digitisation in the South African Criminal Justice System: Proposals for Law reform with a focus on the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977
13:55 – 14:10	Engagements
14:10 – 14:30	Unlocking Synergies: The College of Law and Its Strategic Collaborations by Portfolio Heads

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14:30 – 15:10	Presentations by the Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof D Farisani, School of Law, UNISA, College of Law• Dr L Morodi, School of Criminal Justice, UNISA, College of Law
15:10 – 15:20	Engagements
15:20 – 15:50	Empowering the Futures: The Work of the UNISA Foundation, UNISA Convocation and Alumni Mr J Dabampe , President of Unisa Convocation
15:50 – 16:00	Engagements
16:00 – 16:35	Words of Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honourable Minister F Hashem, Ministry of Justice, Eritrea (Virtual)• Madam Justice MD Lenyai, Member of the Judiciary / The South African Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges• Prof W Domingo, South African Law Reform Commission• Mr N Mvundlela, President, Law Practice Council• Adv S Lötter, Pretoria Society of Advocates

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16:35 – 16:40	Prof A Manthwa , Head of Tuition, UNISA, College of Law Announcements and Closing Remarks