



Attn: News Editors and Journalists, 09th October 2025

UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO TO HOST THE 4th AFRICAN LIBERATION HERITAGE INDABA

Limpopo: The Nelson Mandela Museum, in partnership with the University of Limpopo and the Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, will host the 4th edition of the African Liberation Heritage Indaba at the University of Limpopo, Turf Campus.

The fourth edition of the African Liberation Heritage Indaba will be officially opened by the MEC of the Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Mr Hon. Funani Jerry Maseko.

The event will take place on October 15th and 16th, 2025, under the theme: **Re-imagining the transformative and emancipatory purpose of Cultural Institutions in South Africa.**

The first African Liberation Heritage Indaba took place in East London (Eastern Cape province). The second edition took place at the Nelson Mandela University in Gqeberha (Eastern Cape province), and the third edition was held at the University of Johannesburg (Gauteng province).

The Heritage Indaba seminar seeks to reposition Heritage & Cultural Institutions, and Institutions of Higher Learning as hubs of Social Justice, Social Cohesion, Nation Building, and youth empowerment by enabling Heritage and Cultural knowledge transfer, Heritage and Cultural development, as well as using Heritage Resources as stimulants for socio-economic development to advance fundamental human rights.

The genesis of this two-day Indaba is drawn out of lessons learned from the previous Indaba: democracy, human rights, decolonization, and transformation.

Drawing from this year's theme "re-imagining the transformative and emancipatory purpose of Cultural Institutions in South Africa," the objective of the Indaba is to converge knowledgeable and experienced leaders from across different backgrounds in the form of: political principles; government; policy makers; media; civil society; academics; spiritual; and traditional leadership to advance knowledge sharing on the idea of the transformative role of Cultural Institutions specifically:

- Preservation, protection, and promotion of African liberation heritage and its relevance to African communities today.
- How to effectively use heritage and cultural capital to promote and protect human rights: review of lessons drawn from both effective and less-effective strategies implemented across South Africa and beyond.
- Youth experience - understanding African liberation heritage from the 21st century, juxtaposed with the recent 30 years of democracy celebrations in South Africa.

VENUE: University of Limpopo
Turfloop Campus, R40 Conference Hall, Limpopo.

TIME: 09h00

The media is invited to attend. See the attached draft programme

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