

THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL (UKZN)

Cordially invites you to a webinar:

NAMING THE UNNAMED STRUCTURES AND COMMON SPACES IN TERMS OF NATIONAL IMPERATIVE AND RATIONALE



The webinar will discuss the naming process and chart the way forward for the university community to participate and make the process successful.

The naming of unnamed structures and common spaces must be seen in terms of the Naming and Donor Recognition Policy (2018). This policy should be read together with its Naming and Donor Recognition Guidelines.

This policy was established to ensure that any entity or facility that is named at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) honours individuals of extraordinary achievement and whose accomplishment are of enduring distinction and value. In addition, naming opportunities may be granted in honour of an individual who has made a significant and far-reaching impact on the University through: Extraordinary public service or service to the University without consideration of monetary contribution (2018).

The initiative supports a social-cohesion, diversity and transformation. It sends a message of unity to our University community (staff and students), stakeholders and donor communities. The initiative is a responsive approach from a higher educational institution operating within a social system that requires tangible shifts and changes from a historic colonial and racially segregated past.

It forms part of the mission, vision and values of UKZN and provides an opportunity for our institution to reflect transformation and diversity. It embodies the values of responsibility, transformation, respect for culture, academic freedom, integrity and cooperation.

DATE : WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2022

TIME : 11H00 - 12H30

PLATFORM : ZOOM

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Palesa Kadi is Chairperson of South African Geographical Names Council at the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. The South African Geographical Names Council (SAGNC) is the body that receives recommendations from provincial names committees and advises the Minister on recommended geographical names as well as submissions on the changing of existing geographical names. Previously, Palesa has worked as a media activist, researcher, and a regulator in the broadcasting and telecommunications space. Prior to her post at the Names Council, she served as a Councillor at the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa – ICASA, where she was responsible for a range of strategic, regulatory and governance functions that include elections broadcasting monitoring; community media broadcasting; sports broadcasting services regulations; cybersecurity regulation; alternative dispute resolution for consumers and telecommunications operator; strategy; compliance, and governance. Her areas of expertise are in corporate governance, media development, communications, content regulation, capacity development, consumer awareness, and advocacy. Palesa's experience and involvement in community-based structures range from national youth organizations, university senate committees, and local government to public sector entities at large. As a Ph.D. candidate under the Research Chair of Critical Architecture and Planning at the University of Pretoria, she has written peoples' histories in context; perspectives on space and urban planning histories; and about South Africa's readiness for the 4th industrial revolution. She drafted a national rural tourism strategy; developed provincial economic and tourism initiatives in the run-up to the FIFA 2010 World Cup; and was involved in a number of high-level public-policy projects in media, content regulation, culture, and sports development. Palesa has served on a number of boards, including the Calabash Trust, a community tourism initiative in Nelson Mandela Bay; the Eastern Province Cricket Board; the Alliance France Management Board; Commonwealth Youth Advisory board; Media Development and Diversity Agency board; and on the National Heritage Council. She has served on the National Council of Libraries and Information Services; the National Heritage Council Funding Committee; currently serves as a non-executive director for the National Housing and Finance Corporation and as a council member of the Tshwane North TVET College. She is an advisory member of the Women in Technology in Africa (WIT) group, an initiative of the UN South to South Corporation office and a Chairperson of the United Nations Group of Experts Geographical Names – Dutch and German-speaking countries. Palesa continues to champion the development of regulations, governance, and women empowerment. in the broadcasting and telecommunications sector.



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