

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Respected Limpopo agriculture giant Piet Warren to receive Unisa honorary doctorate

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**DATE: Tuesday, 16 April 2024**

Respected Limpopo agriculture giant and community builder, **Mr Piet Warren**, is set to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of South Africa (Unisa) during a graduation ceremony to be held at the Unisa Muckleneuk Campus on Wednesday, 17 April 2024

The university will confer the degree of **Doctor of Philosophy (*Honoris Causa*)** on Mr Warren in recognition of his profound impact on agricultural sustainability, community empowerment and economic development; but also, for inspiring future generations to pursue sustainable development and inclusive growth.

Affectionately known as Makhoma in the Mopani District, Limpopo, Warren's deep-rooted connection with the district, underpinned by his fluency in Xitsonga and his understanding of local cultures, has enabled him to make a tangible difference in the lives of local farmers. His efforts to integrate indigenous knowledges with modern agricultural practices have been pivotal in advancing the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 2 (*Creating a world free of hunger by 2030*) and the African Union Agenda 2063 in the region.

Through shared distribution and the creation of an Employment Trust, Warren has empowered his employees and local farmers, aligning their successes with those of his operations. This approach not only motivated his team to achieve extraordinary results but has also fostered a sense of community and shared purpose.

In addition to his agricultural achievements, Warren's community involvement extends to supporting local sports and development initiatives, as well as mentorship of local communal property associations.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the graduation ceremony. The details are as follows:

**Date :** Wednesday, 17 April 2024  
**Time :** 18:00  
**Venue :** ZK Matthews Great Hall, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa  
Muckleneuck Campus, Pretoria

You can also follow the proceedings online by clicking the attached link: [Click Here](#)



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