

## CENTENARY PROGRAMME

The year 2018 is an important and significant one as South Africa, and the world, celebrate 100 years of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The Mandela Centenary Year will see heightened efforts to mark the life, times and legacy of a man who dedicated his life in service to his people and country.

Nelson Mandela University marks this milestone with a yearlong Centenary Celebration Programme, which will see a series of institution-wide activities planned and championed by its seven faculties, along with other University entities, that essentially speak to the various aspects of Mandela's legacy. These will predominantly take the form of academic conferences and colloquia, public lectures and book launches.

The rooting of the Centenary Celebration Programme on the academic enterprise resonates with the importance Mandela placed on education, illustrated so emphatically with his famous declaration in July 2003 that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

### Some upcoming academic activities:

- **19 July:** Public lecture by Advocate Thuli Madonsela – Social Justice Gap: Is the Constitution Responsible?
- **19 – 20 July:** Education Faculty colloquium – Repositioning our understanding of the "weapon" Education, from Mandela's famous quote "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world"
- **30 July – 1 August:** Nelson Mandela Annual Youth Convention focusing on education, leadership, health and wellness, employability, entrepreneurship
- **30 July – 4 August:** Road to Mvezo National Science Week 2018
- **1 August:** Public lecture by Reserve Bank Governor, Lesetja Kganyago – The Role of the Central Bank in Building Democracy
- **6 August:** Talk by former Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke: Rethinking Private Law and Social Justice post-Mandela
- **6 – 7 August:** Law Faculty conference – Rethinking Private Law and Social Justice post-Mandela
- **21 – 24 August:** Arts Faculty Conference – Being Human(e) in the 21st Century
- **23 – 24 August:** BRICS and African Development Conference – Development Finance: A Catalyst for BRICS Economic Partnership in Africa
- **22 October:** Center for Community Technologies Digital 'story telling' Lab launch by Glasgow Caledonian University VC Prof Pamela Gillies