

12 August 2025.

Mr Makhukhu Mampuru,
NEDLAC Executive Director,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr Mampuru,

Re: The 15/16 August 2025 Meeting at UNISA.

We hereby acknowledge receipt of an unsigned document from people who call themselves "*The National Dialogue Team*", writing on behalf of a "*Convention Organising Committee of the National Dialogue*", as well as your signed letter, both of which invite President Mbeki to attend the meeting scheduled to take place at the UNISA Muckleneuk Campus on 15 & 16 August 2025.

This request has been received by President Mbeki, sadly, two days after the expected response date stated in the letter dated the 10th August 2025, has now been forwarded to us for advice and response.

Concerning your request, we regret to advise you that he will not attend the said meeting as requested. This is consistent with the decision of the other Legacy Foundations, which is now a matter of public knowledge.

The reason for this is simple and straightforward.

The assertion that the forthcoming meeting at UNISA is the "*First (National) Convention of the National Dialogue*" is not correct.

The forthcoming 15/16 August meeting at UNISA is **not** the '*First National Convention of the National Dialogue*.'

All public meetings of the National Dialogue, including its National Conventions, would be convened by the Preparatory Task Team (PTT) of the National Dialogue, which has been operational for the past 13 months.

The PTT has **not** convened the forthcoming 15/16 August 2025 meeting at UNISA and has otherwise had nothing whatsoever to do with it.

Further, there is **no structure** of the National Dialogue programme called the '*Convention Organising Committee of the National Dialogue*,' the convenors of the forthcoming meeting at UNISA. Neither is there a National Dialogue group called '*The National Dialogue Team*.'

It would help to identify the people who serve in these groups to at least to establish how many of them, if any, have been involved in the efforts to organise the National Dialogue during the last thirteen (13) months or so.

In your letter, you identify yourself as "*Head of the Secretariat of the National Dialogue*." To put this matter more precisely, you are *Head of the Secretariat of the Preparatory Task Team of the National Dialogue*.

To the best of our knowledge, the PTT never authorised you to issue invitations to any meeting, and certainly never to the 15/16 August 2025 meeting!

We must also mention an important point about the planned delegations to the future First National Convention of the National Dialogue.

As you know, the PTT has identified plus or minus thirty (30) sectors/constituencies that will be invited to attend the First National Convention. Each one of these, e.g., the women, will meet on its own to select the specified number of allocated delegates, 100 for example, bearing in mind the inalienable requirement to ensure that the delegation is truly inclusive of the particular constituency.

Considering that the National Convention will therefore be truly inclusive and representative of the people of South Africa, the PTT has proposed that the First National Convention will make provision for simultaneous translation in all the official languages!

With due respect to those who will attend the forthcoming meeting at UNISA, these individuals will have no possibility whatsoever to claim to represent any of the constituencies to which we have referred and will be unable to engage meaningfully on the challenges facing our country.

It is exactly for this obvious reason that the meeting at UNISA **cannot**, as you claim for some reason, "*mark the formal kick-off of an inclusive, citizen-led process to chart a shared vision for South Africa's future*."

In this regard, we must state without any equivocation that it is misleading to describe the 15/16 August 2025 meeting to be held at the UNISA Campus in Tshwane as '*The First National Convention of the National Dialogue*,' and an unethical effort to mislead the people of South Africa!

It is not clear what the forthcoming meeting at UNISA is intended to achieve.

What we know is that it is not intended to proceed in the people-driven manner which the PTT has agreed upon with the very large swath of civil society it has engaged over the last eleven (11) months.

As before, and as they have said, the Legacy Foundations, including our Foundation, will continue to pursue the noble and historic objective of helping to encourage the holding of the National Dialogue, including its suggested National Conventions.

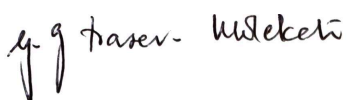
They will therefore re-engage civil society during this coming week to honour this commitment, which is a generational opportunity to reimagine our country and save it from the abyss.

As they do this, they will continue to abide by the ethical prescripts that:

- they must always be honest and truthful in their interactions with the people, not beholden to any parochial interests; and
- remain loyal to the perspective of having a truly citizen-led national dialogue in which the millions of our citizens will engage one another, without let or hindrance, to exercise their sovereign authority to determine their destiny!

All this is critical to the achievement of the historic objective to build a peaceful, safe, non-racial, non-sexist, and prosperous democratic South Africa, free of the scourges of poverty, underdevelopment, ignorance, unemployment, inequality, and corruption.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. J. Fraser-Moleketi'.

Geraldine J Fraser-Moleketi

Chairperson of the TMF