

UFS Library commemorate Africa Day with a virtual talk on Black Tax

The opportunities for libraries in the information society in Africa lie in information content diversification for inclusivity by, among other things, recognizing cultural and linguistic diversity, and making use of the multiple channels through which one can access information.

Africa Day provides us with one such an opportunity to celebrate the history of our continent, our heritage and culture. The day serves as a platform used by the African Union Commission to highlight pertinent issues, which impact on the lives of ordinary Africans who are afflicted, on a daily basis by the harsh realities of life on the continent. This is evident in the annual themes under which Africa Day is celebrated by the UFS. The theme always bears relevance to the development of Africa. The African Union has

declared that the theme for Africa Day 2021 is “Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa we want”.

As most institutions are inviting experts, academia and practitioners the UFS Library decided to use ordinary Africans who will discuss “Black Tax”. Every African knows how it goes: there’s the normal tax every South African citizen has to pay then there’s black tax – the burden of having to share your salary with every family member until you have nothing left to save or invest. Frankly, you’re lucky if you have anything left to carry you into the next month.

When asked about her book Marcia Ramodike says “*My book is about **black tax** an issue that affects a lot of young black people and graduates however it encourages them that in order to improve our economy and country we have to give back at home*”

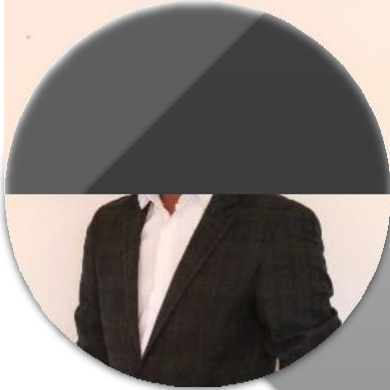
To attend and participate in this discussion you are invited to join us as follows:

Date: 25 May 2021

Time: 13h00 to 14h15.

Link: <https://ufs.libcal.com/event/7812058>

Meet our Africa Day our Panellists on Black Tax



Fezile Sonkwala: Panel Facilitator

Fezile Sonkwala is an activist, author, columnist, educator, essayist, former student leader, government communicator, life-long learner, writer, and an opinionated critical thinker who mingles in political circles and is currently based in Bloemfontein. He holds a B. Ed (FET) Languages degree and a B.Tech Public Management degree from the Central University of Technology, Free State where he also served as the Academic Officer for the Students' Representative Council in 2012/13. He was the first undergraduate student to be invited as a Fellow for the Leaders in Education and Development (LEAD) programme at the CUT. He further holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation from the University of the Free State (UFS) and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration with the University of Zululand.



I am Neo Mngwevu, born and bred in Mpumalanga, Middelburg. Currently doing my final year in Bsoc majoring in Anthropology and Political Sciences. I am a Golden key member. I am an entrepreneur, also a Director at Acquatech. I am the current RC Vice Prime and Academics at House Lehakwe. I am also the Vice Chairperson of the UFS Sdasm structure. I am the chairperson of the SRC Academics EC. I am a news presenter for KOVSIE TV.



Refilwe Masondo -Tsie is a married mother of 2 daughters and a Son aged 23, 19 and 18 respectively.

She is a qualified Librarian who is passionate about development hence she gave birth to 5 developmental programmes aimed at the children in farm schools, youth and unemployed adults in the Dihlabeng Local municipality. Refilwe has been in the management of the Free State libraries for 10 years and has been instrumental in the establishment of the new District in Lejweleputswa District. Refilwe is also an upcoming business woman running a few business ventures and also training upcoming bakers on the skills needed. She is passionate about creating wealth for the next generations so as to change the status quo of a young black professional.



Mr Pule Molalenyane is Manager Community Development at Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, Former Executive committee and Board member for Local Government SETA (LGSETA) for two terms, Former National Chairperson for South African Local Government Bargaining Council (SALGBC), Former President of SAMWU, and Former SRC member at UOFS. He holds Diploma Business Management (cum laude), BTech degree Human Resources.



Matshidiso Mahlatsi is a dosen (lecture) at Goldfields Tvet College (Free State). She is a Central University of Technology (FS) alumna, conferred Matshidiso Mahlatsi

N.Dip HRM, B.Tech HRM, PGCE and B.ed honours in education management. Matshidiso specializes in Early Childhood Development education and Tourism Management, is responsible for teaching students on traits and education developments for children. Among other things she is a literature fanatic, interested in book festivals and writing seminars. She is a powerful force in the workplace and uses her positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage others to work harder and succeed not only that but ensuring that students are exposed to the workplace environment through WBE programmes.



Murunwa Masipala is a 18 year old venda girl from a village called Ha-Mashau Bodwe. I am very outspoken, bold and confident. I am currently studying a BSc Majoring in biochemistry and physiology. Besides what I'm studying I'm also a writer. I write poetry and even short stories. I love literature because it defines me in a way that I can't express myself in physically. One of my favorite quotes that define me and it's from Maya Angelou is "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style"