MEDIA ADVISORY

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SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITY TEACHERS (SAUT) TO HONOUR THE COUNTRY'S MOST DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS

The South African University Teachers (SAUT), through its National Coordinating Committee, will host the National University Teaching Awards (NUTA) Ceremony - South Africa's pinnacle recognition for excellence in university teaching and learning. Implemented under the Department of Higher Education and Training's (DHET) National Framework for Enhancing Academics as University Teachers (NFfEAUT) and the University Capacity Development Programme, NUTA gives effect to the national imperative to properly recognise and reward academics for teaching excellence. The awards celebrate innovation, exemplary scholarship, and outstanding contribution to student learning and success across South Africa's 26 public universities.

The ceremony will bring together senior representatives from the DHET, the Council on Higher Education (CHE), Universities South Africa (USAf), Vice-Chancellors, and distinguished academics from across the higher education sector. Award recipients across the Beginner Teacher, Experienced Teacher, and Teaching Collaboration Team categories will be formally honoured at the ceremony. Their identities and institutions remain under embargo until the official announcement.

Date: 20 November 2026, 18h00
Venue: Emperor's Palace, JHB

- **Media Arrangements:**
- Media are invited to attend and cover the awards ceremony.
- A full press release with the list of awardees and commendations will be issued immediately during the ceremony.
- Interview opportunities with SAUT leadership, selected Vice-Chancellor/s from the winning institutions, and selected awardees will be available on request.
- This advisory is **not for publication of awardees** - please observe embargo until official release.

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