

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff, students, alumni and members of the public

Warning: scam alert

We have uncovered a scam where people are receiving emails from a fake email address, pretending to be from the university; and WhatsApp messages, inviting them to participate in a DUT Alumni event on 27 May 2022.

The fraudster is using the email account: dut@alumni.com. This is not a DUT email address. We remind you that official DUT email addresses are always sent from @dut.ac.za and if you are ever in doubt, you should always contact the relevant Faculty/Department/Office at DUT, to verify the integrity of the correspondence. The con-artist is also resorting to distributing text and WhatsApp messages as part of the scam.

The message is sent using the name of Mr Clement Mogale and the fraudster claims to be an Events Coordinator at DUT. This is false and there is no record of a Mr Clement Mogale in our Marketing, PR & Events Department or in the Advancement & Alumni Relations Department.

We urge those who receive any forms of communication from Mr Clement Mogale or from any other sender using a fake account that claims to be from DUT, to please delete the message and to not share your personal information, in the hope of receiving any financial remuneration, free flights and accommodation; or any other promise that the fraudster is using to trap you.

Please stay safe.

Sincerely

DUT Management team