



# Public Risk Management Awareness Day,

 **FRIDAY**  
1 MARCH 2024

With DUT embracing the Upended phase of our 2030-destined journey, the 2024 university calendar includes the **Public Risk Management Awareness Day**, which is on **Friday, 01 March 2024**. Understandably, this day is not observed by all countries, nor is it punctuated by a majority of organisations within South Africa; in fact, DUT is pioneering new ground within our sector once again, by observing this Public Risk Management Awareness Day.

Perhaps explaining the decision, a reality hard to ignore, is that DUT remains the only university within South Africa that has brought risk culture firmly into institutional conversations. That is, beyond Institutional Culture, which is one of the 12 strategic objectives, DUT's leadership team, captained by our Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Thandwa Mthembu, has decided to zoom into the risk culture itself. In this regard, the pursuit of opportunities is an integral part of risk related deliberations; the exploration of new ideas and novel initiatives is framed against risk appetite; our Transparency remains informed by a keen embrace of lessons learned, within a learning organisation that is inspired by a pursuit for Greatness.

The Lived Values and Institutional Culture objectives under the Stewardship Perspective of the ENVISION2030 Strategy seek to “Nurture a people-centred culture that embodies our values and principles” as well as to “Foster a culture of accountability and shared responsibility in achieving the DUT way” and these objectives, together with the Public Risk Management Awareness Day that we are observing, calls on all of us to be conscious of our health, safety, preparedness and to make sure that we protect ourselves and protect that which belongs to us, our institution and its property, our homes and our loved ones. It is in this spirit that we should say, **“anything that promotes destructive actions and anything that lacks consciousness about health, safety and preparedness should not be in our name”**.