



# Observing PUBLIC RISK MANAGEMENT AWARENESS DAY 2025 SATURDAY, 1 MARCH

Once again, the DUT continues the trajectory of observing the Public Risk Management Awareness Day, viz. March 1st. The rationale being to tap on this day in publicising this year's theme:

## DEEPENING THE RISK CULTURE: A CO-JOURNEYING, INTEGRATIVE DUT POSTURE.



Our understanding is that training and awareness is one of the key success factors for socialising and deepening risk culture in an organisation. In alignment with this theme, through the months ahead, our university will:

# 1

Continue in its collective efforts aimed at further strengthening its Living Values Framework posture. This intangible factor, once sufficiently embraced on a broader institutional scale and across the hierarchy, tends to contribute towards not only creating an enabling working environment but the strengthening of the institutional brand too.



# 2

Build onto tone-at-the-top, which has thus far been instrumental in socialising ERM. In this regard, an added focus on the coalface of operational activities will be higher-prioritised. For instance, ERM visibility will be punctuated by (the):

- Interactions that extend beyond the student leadership, viz. the SRC, and now reaching out to 1st-Year Students. Thus, enlightening them on how ERM fits into their academic journey and the pursuit of their professional aspirations. For instance, some of the risks they could encounter include disruptions to academic programmes; academic cheating; sexual harassment; bullying and intimidation; etc.
- Exploration of practical initiatives aimed at demonstrating the value-add of ERM to the broader university community, in collaboration with the Faculties.
- Expansion of our collaboration with the Community Engagement team and in this context, deliberate to taking the route less travelled.
- Re-invigoration of the Risk Champions Forum, including the strategic repositioning of the Combined Assurance Framework activities to elevate the distinctiveness of DUT's ERM.

Best practice informs us that "Great strategists have the courage to say No!". Similarly, the leadership team of our institution, captained by Council, remains clear on what it will not tolerate – what it says No to. For instance, the primary value placed on:



Collegiality implies a definite "No" to chaotic means of engagement, which includes destruction to university property.



An enabling environment, as espoused through the Stewardship Perspective of ENVISION2030 and its accompanying strategic objectives of Lived Values (SO1), Institutional Culture (SO2), and Creativity (SO3) automatically excludes or eliminates the appetite for bullying and intimidation.

Necessarily, behaviours that are threatening to personal safety, potentially have a demeaning effect on others, or constitute any form of hazard or damage to university property fall outside the Society which DUT envisages.



The Posture of Adaptive Graduates is informed by intellectual exploration, factually-grounded deliberation, and Compassion-in-fused contrarian views.

The recent destructive developments on campus were unfortunate and they go against the ENVISION2030 strategic blueprint – and the spirit of the Day we are observing.

Collectively, the DUT's Enterprise Risk Management, Protection Services and Health & Safety teams take the Public Risk Management Awareness Day as valuable. It presents an opportunity for all of us to learn more about risk management, and thus further promotes readiness to initiating change and/or responding to it, as well as building a safer and more resilient Society. So, it is everyone's responsibility, within the DUT community, to continually assess and minimise risks whilst, at the same time, optimising opportunities.

By addressing and obtaining a comprehension of potential threats, we can protect ourselves and our loved ones from harm and thereby build a safer and better future for everyone.