



Dictionary Day

hosted by the School of Languages



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10:00 - 12:00



MS Teams



Target audience:

All academic staff, researchers, postgraduate and undergraduate students, language practitioners, translators, interpreters, and lexicographers of the NWU

Event description:

Dictionaries play a vital role in language development, teaching and learning, multilingualism, and knowledge production. This webinar will explore the role Afrikaans and Setswana dictionaries play in higher education, research, and scholarship. Join us for an engaging discussion on the value of lexicography in promoting language growth and multilingual excellence.

The School of Languages at North-West University invites you to celebrate **Dictionary Day 2026** through a webinar titled **The Role of Dictionaries in Higher Education: Contributions from Afrikaans and Setswana Lexicography**.

Presenters:

Prof. Gerhard Van Huyssteen Professor of Afrikaans linguistics and computer linguistics at NWU

Presentation Topic:

Drink \$@%&^ Albariño! On Research-Based Lexicography*

About the presentation

In this engaging presentation, Prof. Gerhard van Huyssteen will explore the role of research in modern lexicography through one completed and two ongoing lexicographic projects at CText.

Prof. Thapelo J. Otlogetswe Professor of Linguistics and Lexicography
Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences
University of Botswana

Presentation Topic:

The Role of Dictionaries in Higher Education: Contributions from Setswana Lexicography

About the presentation

Professor Otlogetswe explores how Setswana dictionaries support teaching, research, cultural preservation, and knowledge production in higher education, while highlighting opportunities for developing new dictionaries to serve specialised domains.

Event link:

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