

**NORTH-WEST  
UNIVERSITY**

# Council

March 2023

Prof Tyobeka



# NWU and DARD sign MoU

On 27 Jan 2023, NWU and the Dept of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), representing the Potchefstroom College of Agriculture and the Taung Agricultural College, signed an MoU

Objective: to offer a framework for cooperation in pursuit of our respective statutory tasks and on a variety of mutually beneficial topics. Collaboration on research, capacity building, economic development and any other areas that the parties may identify and agree on from time to time, including faculty and student exchanges.



**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Form a strong collaboration with the provincial government**

# NWU sign MoU to boost technological development in Vaal economic zone

On Friday, 20 February 2023, the NWU and the VUT signed a MoU to collaborate with the Vaal Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

This is to ensure that Gauteng investors and industry players in high technology sectors are supported in the development of new technologies, applied research and innovation and technical skills sets.

The establishment of a Vaal SEZ in the Gauteng southern economic corridor is intended to revitalise economic activity in the Sedibeng district municipality and the local municipalities of Lesedi, Mid-Vaal and Emfuleni.



**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Form a strong collaboration with the provincial government**



# Dutch education & science attaché in SA visits NWU



On 27 January 2023 the Netherlands' education and science attaché in South Africa paid a visit to NWU

Focus: Science for social justice as a responsibility, an opportunity, and a commitment in terms of five themes:

---

- Science for human dignity: What is the role of science in fighting poverty, unemployment, inequality and exclusion?
- Science for climate justice: How can science working with civil society lead the way in correcting the failure of climate policy?
- Science for Africa and the world: How to unleash the potential of African science in global cooperation
- Science for diplomacy: How can science reboot multilateralism and global solidarity?
- Justice in science: How to ensure science reflects the society we want

**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Strengthen our relationships and partnerships with industry role-players nationally and internationally**

# NWU receives another Diamond Arrow Award



The NWU's Vanderbijlpark Campus once again celebrates being recognised for excellence in higher education by the Professional Management Review Africa (PMR.africa).

Every year the PMR confers awards to recognise excellence in institutions and businesses within the Sedibeng district, which includes the municipalities of Emfuleni, Lesedi and Midvaal. “The ratings are always based on the perceptions of the respondents. A diamond arrow is the highest score that can be achieved and serves as a testimony of the valuable role that higher education, and particularly the NWU, plays in Vanderbijlpark and its community.

**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**NWU must have a greater social impact, especially within communities where we are based.**



# NWU reaches out to smallholder farmers

The NWU's School of Geo and Spatial Sciences, in collaboration with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Wesgrow Potatoes, hosted three farmers' days for smallholder farmers in Swayimane and Applesbosch in January 2023.

The initiative was part of the Climate Resilient and Responsible Innovations in Potato (CRRIsP) project from the Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management. CRRIsP is a collaborative project funded by the NRF/ERA-Net Cofund on Food Systems and Climate through the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. The project aims to address the impact of climate change on the potato sector across different agro-ecologies.



**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Food Security**

# Management Accountancy students excel in global assessment

---



Students from the School of Accounting Sciences at the NWU achieved an astounding 85% pass rate in the management case study exams of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) written in November 2022. This is a global exam with an average pass rate of 69%. Even more impressive is the fact that 67% more students had attempted the exam than the year before.

CIMA is the largest professional body for management accountancy in the world, and passing this exam is part of the requirements for qualifying as a chartered management accountant

**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Graduate employability and entrepreneurship**



# MSc Engineering student in line for top global award

---

Leané Naudé, an MSc Engineering student at the NWU will represent South Africa in the global finals of the Blue Sky science competition in Amsterdam in May 2023.

She earned this honour after coming second in last year's national Blue Sky awards, a biennial competition acknowledging the work of students and young researchers in forest-based science product development.

Currently employed as a chemical engineer-in-training at Sappi's Technology Centre in Pretoria,

Competed against 17 other local and international participants in the national event,

Project: a cost-effective purification method for lignosulphonate, an alternative to fossil-based products.

**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Graduate employability and entrepreneurship**



# Alumnus joins prestigious law firm in the United Kingdom



NWU alumnus Thato Mashishi recently joined the corporate group of Walker Morris LLP, the largest single-site law firm outside of London in the United Kingdom.

This corporate group is highly rated according to the rankings of Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500 – two leading global research companies.

Thato's areas of focus at Walker Morris are general corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital.

He says the move was largely influenced by the similarities in the legal systems of the UK and SA and the prospect of international exposure.

**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Graduate employability and entrepreneurship**

# NWU student is North West Sportsman of the Year



NWU student Onalenna Mongale was announced the North West Sportsman of the Year during the North West Provincial Government's 7th Provincial Sports Awards that took place on 18 February 2023. Onalenna represented South Africa at the International University Sports Federation

The NWU's Soccer Institute also received an award at the North West Provincial Government 7th Provincial Sports Awards. The institute received the Community Sports Developer Award for the year for its role in producing football players and also assisting athletes with bursaries.

“I want to thank the NWU for believing in and assisting me, and I want to extend my gratitude to the NWU karate team, you guys are amazing.”

**Inaugural address on 26 August 2022 commitment:**

**Graduate employability and entrepreneurship**

# 14 528

Articles about the NWU

Combined advertising  
value equivalency (AVE)

# R24 784 844

Impressive AVE growth

According to the media monitoring agency MarketIQ, there were 14 528 articles about the NWU in the media, representing a combined advertising value equivalency (AVE) of R610 251 693. This means an impressive AVE growth of R24 784 844.

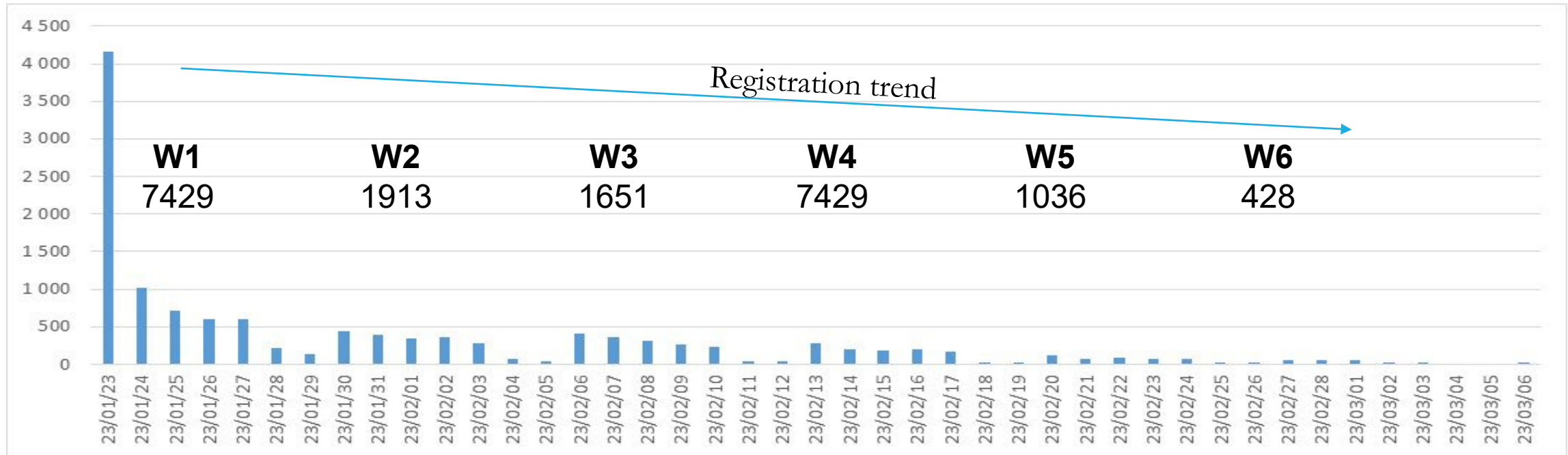




# NWU Enrolments 2023

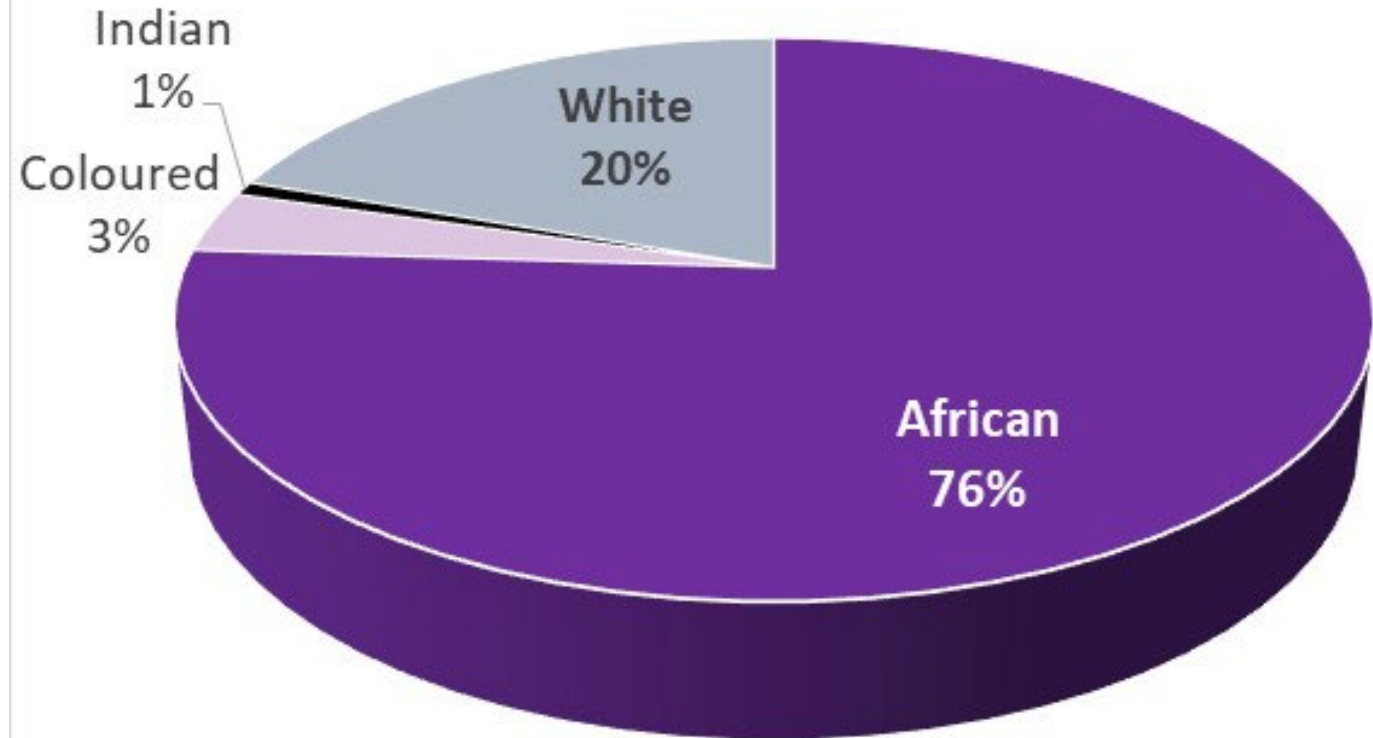
	Target	Actual
<b>Contact</b>	11 551	11 841
<b>Distance</b>	1 175	1 445
<b>Total</b>	12 726	13 286

2022 - 71% FTENs dependent on NSFAS  
 2023 - 64% FTENs dependent on NSFAS



## 2023 Demographic profile of first-years

Year	African	Coloured	Indian	White
2021	6208	342	86	2340
2022	9018	405	84	2115
2023	8714	405	92	2251



# Progress: Strategic Projects

Strategic priority	Progress
Medical School	First cohort: 2026
Veterinary School	Planning phase
School of Sustainable Mining	Planning phase
Internationalisation	Finalisation of strategy in June 2023
Integration of colleges of agriculture	MoU signed
Student Leadership Academy	Work in progress
Increase capacity of municipalities & provincial government	MoU signed
Staff cost optimisation	Phase 1 completed Phase 2 initiated
Funding of the “missing middle”	In progress
Food security	In progress
Review of the 2015-2025 Strategy, and unitary operations model to improve efficiencies	Commenced on 2 March Report due in June 2023



**NORTH-WEST  
UNIVERSITY**

**2023**

**A year of review, reflection and new  
frontiers**



**#DiscoverNWU**

**It all starts here<sup>®</sup>**