



*Office of the University Registrar*

## **CALL FOR REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VENDA CONVOCATION**

### **Background**

On 20 June 2026 members of the University of Venda Convocation convened to attend the 2026 Convocation Annual General Meeting (AGM), and amongst others, to elect eligible candidates to the Executive Committee of Convocation (EXCO). Elections were for the positions of **President of the Convocation; Vice President of the Convocation; Five Additional Members of the EXCO; and One Member of the EXCO living with a disability.**

The elections were duly conducted; however, in terms of a ruling of the Thohoyandou High Court, following an urgent interdict seeking to prevent the elections from taking place, the election process was not concluded at the AGM. While the court had permitted manual elections to take place at the AGM, the court further ruled that a further process of elections, to be conducted **wholly online**, must take place on or before 20 July 2026, to enable members who were unable to attend the AGM and / or to vote, to also have the opportunity to do so.

In view of the above, while elections took place on 20 June 2026 at the AGM, with the results counted thereafter by the Electoral Committee appointed by the Registrar (in his capacity as Electoral Officer for the AGM, with the assistance of two scrutineers appointed by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal in line with the Institutional Statute), **the election results were not published** and they were kept securely in the custodianship of the Secretariat. Pursuant to the court ruling, online voting must be conducted before the election results can be published. The two sets of election results

will thereafter be tallied and merged, and only then will the election results be published and announced.

### **Registration Process for Online Elections**

In view of the foregoing, this serves as formal communication that the registration process for online elections is hereby opened from **1 July 2026 to 15 July 2026**. **Please note that only members who did not vote at the AGM on 20 June 2026 may participate in the online elections.** For this reason, an independent election service provider shall be appointed to verify the information received from members and to ensure the following:

- (i) That any person who voted on 20 June 2026 is excluded from the final voter's roll for purposes of online elections;
- (ii) That any deceased member of the Convocation is excluded from the voting process;
- (iii) That no member is able to vote more than once on the voting platform; and
- (iv) That no one is able to use another's credentials in the voting system.

The verification process shall be carried out throughout and be finalised on **16 and 17 July 2026**. During this period, any member who has not received confirmation of their registration will be able to contact the election service provider to rectify the situation.

### **The Conduct of Elections**

Elections shall take place on **20 July 2026**, from 08:00 AM until 11:59 PM. Further information regarding the voting process shall be communicated to members by the independent election company appointed.

### **Publication and announcements of results**

Publication and announcements of the election results shall be done at a date to be determined and communicated to members, but at any rate before 30 July 2026.

**Link for registration:** Please click on the link below to register your name for participation in the online elections. As indicated above, the information submitted shall be verified and formal confirmation of inclusion in the voter's roll for purposes of the online elections shall be sent to all eligible members before elections are conducted.

**Link:** [Online Form](#)

Sincere regards,



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