

## One Canvas, 50 Shades

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We would like to welcome all women in KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa, who are able to join us, to our 2015 Women's Day Breakfast, themed "50 Shades of Me". This event celebrates women of the past, present and future and their contribution to the workplace, family and the community. We at UKZN Extended Learning honour the diversity of all women, and esteem their sacred metamorphosis in the journey of life.

In South Africa, the DNA of women traces back to the deep struggle that earned the first celebration of National Women's Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1995. It was from this day that women would insist on their role in making history. Women are essential to the growth of South Africa's economy and their success is a fundamental measure of our country's achievements and prosperity. We therefore need to make it our combined responsibility, to ensure that we build on the valuable work that is coming into form, and encourage women to build their careers in the public and private entrepreneurial sectors.

Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Client Orientation, Honesty, Innovation and Fun are the values of UKZN Extended Learning. These serve as the spectrum upon which we view women across society. These values embody her dignity, empowerment and development not only as an identity, but also as a standard of how she deserves to be treated. With these values we paint a rainbow of women in all their shades.

Thank you to our sponsors, staff and delegates who have partnered with us in our vision to celebrate woman in her entirety. Your identity is the foundation upon which we build South Africa, carry it with honour and love.

Happy Women's Day!

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