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Dedication

The 2023 NIHSS/ SAHUDA biannual conference organisers and editors wish to dedicate this volume to invited scholars, post-graduate students, professionals, and all interested parties who participated in the conference. We thank you for having responded positively by gathering in Limpopo Province to discuss and position the Humanities and Social Sciences toward the restoration of global peace, stability, and well-being.

Re a leboga!!

Ro livhuwa!!

Hi khensile!!

Executive Deans' Dedication

Prof. Satsope Maoto (UL) and Prof. Bongani D. Bantwini (UNIVEN)

What a brave decision by the South African Humanities Deans' Association (SAHUDA) in partnership with the National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) to task the Northern Corridor (University of Limpopo and University of Venda) to host the 2023 National Conference. The decision was made in July 2023, and the Conference was targeted to take place on 25 – 27 October 2023, only a period of three months, to ensure that the conference becomes successful. What a challenge!

It appeared to be a mirage when the then SAHUDA President, Prof. Pamela Maseko, as she presented a message of support, mentioned that 'as an output from this conference they cannot wait to see some of the papers in a publication'. What a happy ending!

We are thankful to all the presenters for sharing such valuable, rich knowledge around critical issues confronting humanity. It was indeed significant that together, as African scholars, we sit and interrogate the conference question, *"What role can Africa play in maintaining global peace, stability, and wellbeing, especially considering the recent COVID-19 scare and the strained state of international relations?"*

We commend the Guest Editors: Prof Mpsanyana Makgahlela, Prof Tholene Sodi, and Prof. Mahlapahlapana Themane, for journeying with the authors, and contributors in this volume, to propose restorative, tangible, sustainable strategies and interventions that could contribute towards global peace, stability, and wellbeing.

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