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MKRI to Launch Its First-Ever Book During the 2026 Ibhuku Women Authors Exhibition Festival



The Moses Kotane Research Institute (MKRI) cordially invites members of the media to attend the official launch of the Institute's first-ever book, *Governance and Administration in the Era of Change*, during the 2026 Ibhuku Women Authors Exhibition Festival, held in celebration of Moses Kotane's 121st Birthday.

This landmark publication represents a significant milestone in MKRI's evolution as a leading research and innovation institution. It reflects the Institute's unwavering commitment to producing evidence-based knowledge that informs governance, public administration, policy development and socio-economic transformation.

The book launch forms part of a broader literary celebration that will bring together 48 women authors, researchers, publishers, government leaders, academics and stakeholders from across South Africa to celebrate literature, knowledge creation and the enduring legacy of Moses Kotane.

The event is hosted through a partnership between the Moses Kotane Research Institute (MKRI), Valhalla Arts, and the KwaZulu-Natal Growth Fund Agency.

Event Details:

Title: 2026 Ibhuku Women Authors Exhibition Festival & Official Launch of *Governance and Administration in the Era of Change*

Date: Sunday, 09 August 2026

Time: 10:00 – 16:30

Venue: MKRI Conference Centre, 190 KE Masinga Road Durban

Programme Highlights:

- Celebration of Moses Kotane's 121st Birthday
- Official launch of MKRI's inaugural Book, *Governance and Administration in the Era of Change*
- Participation of 48 women authors from across South Africa
- Multiple book launches and author engagements
- Literary exhibitions and networking opportunities
- Stakeholder exhibitions and cultural showcases

Members of the media are encouraged to attend this historic occasion to witness the launch of a publication that contributes meaningfully to contemporary discourse on governance and public administration while celebrating the achievements of women in literature.

Media interviews with MKRI leadership, participating authors and strategic partners will be available throughout the day.

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