



23 April 2021

Dear Dr Moloi-Motsepe,

SUBJECT: LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This letter comes with regret, on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in South Africa, on the serious fire that ravaged the University of Cape Town and its surroundings.

UNDP is the global development network of the United Nations, which works towards the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. With its presence in more than 170 countries of the world, UNDP has frequently witnessed devastation and obliteration that have undone decades of progress. We know from history, that disaster recovery all too often promotes exchange, unity and cooperation unlike never before.

I am confident that under your guidance and leadership, the University of Cape Town will be able to recover and build back better.

I look forward to exchange with you as we partner for accelerated achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in South Africa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ayodele Odusola', is written over a white background.

Ayodele Odusola, PhD

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cc. **Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng**

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