

## **SU Rector condemns attacks on fellow-Africans**

“It is regrettable that South African citizens have stooped to criminal behaviour to threaten the dignity, safety and livelihood of fellow-Africans in our country. These actions are immoral, reprehensible and inhumane, and should be addressed by the relevant authorities, not only reactively, but to specifically determine the root causes and prevent similar events from occurring in future. South Africa is known internationally for its progressive Constitution, but it has little value if we as citizens have no regard for the human dignity and rights of others.

“At Stellenbosch University we have around 2 000 students from other African countries every year, and we also have colleagues from elsewhere on the continent. Our institution is engaged in several African consortia through which important themed research fields, relevant to the African development context, are dealt with. We value our partnerships with other African academic institutions.

“The African Doctoral Academy (ADA) hosts the bi-annual Winter and Summer Schools in July and January. We would like to re-affirm that all our African students, fellow-academics and other visitors from our continent are most welcome on our campuses. I would like to appeal to all our students and staff members to extend our Matie hospitality to fellow-Africans on our campuses.

“There have been no reported incidents or xenophobic threats in the Stellenbosch area during the current wave of violence. However, I would like to invite our visiting students and academics to report any xenophobic actions or implied threats to Campus Security at tel: 021 808-4666. The emergency contact number is 021 808-2333. Incidents may also be reported on the following website: <http://reportxenophobia.iafrikan.com>.”

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