

# Matengu plans major shake-up at Unam

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**Unam vice-chancellor Kenneth Matengu has appointed a taskforce that will re-examine the restructuring report of 2015 and find the best way forward to realign Unam with the current economic environment and global trends.**

In a circular yesterday, Maten-

gu announced the team members. Frank Kavishe will serve as chairperson, Charmaine Villet as vice-chairperson, and the other members are Gilbert Likando, Reggy Izaks, Isaac Mapaire, Kauna Mufeti, Muree Tjiueza, Barbara van der Westhuizen and Charlene Klaase.

“The recent economic climate in the country has placed severe pressure on both operational and developmental objectives of the institution. Under these circumstances, Unam cannot continue to function, nor maintain the status quo,” Matengu said.

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He added that the team will seek to understand and interpret the strategic and financial environment in which Unam operates, including analyses of strategic choices facing the university.

“They will also seek to review the current structure, identify inefficiencies and challenges and propose a sustainable academic and administrative structure.

“And to develop, consider and recommend to the VC new and or revised university structures to be implemented in a phase manner as well as to highlight policy, financial and strategic issues considered for implementation,” he said.

This announcement comes barely a week after Matengu had promised to transform the university into a sustainable international hub of higher education, training, research and innovation in less than 12 years.

In his maiden speech Matengu said he was committed to further aligning academics with the job market and would eventually call for a review of Unam’s curricula.

He emphasised that his ultimate objective was to create a stronger, more cohesive university that would be ready to tackle complex 21st-century challenges.