

# Congratulations!

People from all over the world wish USB all the best for its future.



**'USB's international standing turns it into a school of choice in Africa.'**

“Die USB vaar uitstekend, en daarop is ons baie trots. Die USB maak reeds 'n impak met sy navorsing en opleiding. Die uitdaging is nou om die USB se bydrae tot broodnodige ekonomiese ontwikkeling en maatskaplike vooruitgang verder uit te bou. Nes die res van die Universiteit, moet die USB toenemend 'n plek word waar personeel en studente tot denkleiers kan ontwikkel wat kennis tot voordeel van alle belangegroepes inspan. Ek wens ons bestuurskool alles van die beste toe – die USB is in 'n goeie posisie om die



droom, naamlik om almal op ons vasteland te ontwikkel, te help verwezenlik.”  
– **Prof Russel Botman, Rektor en Visekanselier, Universiteit Stellenbosch**

“USB opened its doors in a world radically different from our current experience. This half century has seen the most dramatic economic development of any comparable period in human history, and businesses have led these changes. USB has kept pace with developments, and have led both with our ideas and through the leadership of our alumni. I would like to see USB in the vanguard of these changes, as an institution where leaders are shaped to develop the extraordinary possibilities offered by technology and where they do so with responsibility to the broader community. I am encouraged by the rising



importance of Development Finance as a specialism at USB.”  
– **Prof Stan Du Plessis, Dean, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Stellenbosch University**

“As a top business school, USB should embrace the challenge of training the managers and leaders that this country and the rest of Africa so desperately need. USB already transfers skills to a wide spectrum of people – from township

business owners through its Small Business Academy to senior managers through its MBA. But USB needs to live close to business to keep itself aligned to the needs and expectations of industry. Doing business in Africa requires business people who can operate with high levels of uncertainty. USB should focus on producing leaders with flexibility of mind to thrive in those conditions. I hope USB will continue to produce top graduates and cutting-edge



business knowledge.”  
– **Simon Susman, USB Advisory Board Chairman and Non-executive Chairman, Woolworths**

**'The school seems to have found the right mix of leadership development, thought leadership and international exposure.'**

“My wens vir die USB is om dinamies by veranderende ekonomiese en politieke omstandighede te bly aanpas. Daar moet ook waardering uitgespreek word teenoor die personeel, sakeleiers, donateurs en graduandi wat vanaf 1964



bygedra het om die basis te lê vir die ontwikkeling en vestiging van 'n suksesvolle USB.”  
– **Dr Helgaard Muller, voormalige direkteur van die USB**

“USB is a globally rated business school whose influence stretches way beyond this country's borders. The school must ensure that its training remains relevant in a rapidly changing environment. It must

ensure that the leaders it produces have a solid ethics foundation, agility, the ability to adapt to change and the commitment to making a positive difference to our environment and the world in which we find ourselves. My wish is that USB



continues on its path of excellence and innovation.”  
– **Francois Groepe (MBA 1996), Deputy Governor, Executive Management, South African Reserve Bank**

“Die geleentheid vir toonaangewende opleidingsprogramme en tersaaklike navorsing sal in die volgende 50 jaar groter as ooit wees. My visie vir die USB is om een van die beroemdste bestuurskole ter wêreld te wees wat waarde toevoeg tot studente, alumni, maatskappye en die Suid-Afrikaanse en Afrika-ekonomieë en gemeenskappe. Ek voorsien ook dat die USB-Alumnivereniging sy regmatige plek onder die elite van alumniverenigings sal inneem.”



– **Prof Prieur du Plessis (MBA 1982; DBA 1984), President, USB-Alumnivereniging, USB-Adviesraadslid en Voorsitter van Plexus Beherend**

“Given USB's history it has leapfrogged in its structure, academic content and diversity. The MPhil in Development Finance is indeed a major catalyst in the projection of the USB brand, both nationally and internationally. We feel proud to have an African institution that can stand up to any business school. In the next 50 years, I wish for USB's alumni to be running the affairs of at least 50 African



countries with resounding success.”  
– **Isa Omagu (MDevF 2011), Divisional Head, Commercial Countries Banking, Lagos Mainland, Gauranty Trust Bank plc**

“Vandat ek my MBA in 1971 voltooi het, het ek die USB se vordering vis-à-vis die top-bestuurskole in die wêreld met belangstelling dopgehou. Die USB beklee tans die hoogste posisie op nasionale en internasionale graderingstabelle sedert sy ontstaan. Baie geluk!”



– **GT Ferreira (MBA 1971), Voorsitter: Rand Merchant Bank Beherend en Rand Merchant Insurance Beherend**

“USB has achieved a very good reputation, both nationally and internationally, as the school seems to have found the right mix of leadership development, thought leadership and international exposure. I would like to see the school building on its current strengths, but become more visible as a well-connected thought leader for Africa. I would also like to see USB as a strong player



in the *Financial Times* Global MBA ranking.”  
– **Ludo Ooms (MBA 1986), USB Advisory Board member and Managing Director, Janssen Switzerland & Austria**

“My wish for USB is to maintain the Triple Crown of accreditations and to become the number one school in Africa. I hope that USB will continue to shift boundaries with its leadership programme, a distinguishing feature that I believe will benefit the next generation of leaders. May the alumni continue to be proud of their affiliation with USB.”



– **Brigitte Roediger (MBA 2013), Global AMBA Ambassador for USB and National Brand Manager, Spier Wines**

“USB has a high standing in South Africa, Africa and worldwide. Participating at international conferences around the world,

I noticed that USB is a recognised partner everywhere. I especially noticed its noble work and achievements in sustainable development, which is the future for every management development institution that wants to grow responsible leaders. I am proud as president of IEDC-Bled School of Management and of CEEMAN to be associated with your great institution!”



– **Prof Danica Purg, USB Advisory Board Member and President: IEDC-Bled School of Management (Slovenia) and CEEMAN**

“I would like USB, as a top school, to build more bridges between Africa and the global community. I wish USB well as it heads towards another 50 years of excellence.”



– **Tope Toogun (EDP 2007), USB Representative: West Africa & Managing Director: Accelerated Learning Systems Limited, Lagos, Nigeria**

“Gegewe die Universiteit Stellenbosch se positionering, sal dit vir die USB gepas wees om as dié kenner van die sakekultuur van die Afrika-vasteland erken te word.”



– **Gerhard van Niekerk (Hons BB&A 1972), voormalige Senior Nie-Uitvoerende Direkteur van Ou Mutual**

“It is both humbling and an honour to be associated with an institution that has



been at the forefront of shaping our country's business leaders and their diversity of thought, and that has influenced our business community with integrity and govern-

ance. May USB continue to be aspirational.” – **Zarina Bassa, USB Advisory Board Member and Executive Chairman: Songhai Capital (Pty) Ltd**

“Met wêreldwye tegnologiese en ekonomiese veranderinge, en Afrika en die res van die wêreld wat al meer globaal funksioneer, moet die USB daarop fokus om te bly ontwikkel. Dit is belangrik vir maatskappye wat bestuursopleiding benodig om te groei. Mag die USB nóg meer erkenning verwerf vir gehalte-



opleiding wat tot ekonomiese en sosiale ontwikkeling bydra.”  
– **Pieter Uys (MBA 1994), USB-Adviesraadslid en Beleggingsbestuurder, Remgro**

“The world is coming to Africa. USB needs to maintain its position at the top of business education in Africa and keep on producing the cream of business and governance leadership on the continent.”



– **Alex Matheri, USB Representative: East Africa and head of Sports Masters, Nairobi, Kenya**

“USB's international standing turns it into a school of choice in Africa. Given USB's good reputation, its strategic direction should be to prepare graduates for the global market. USB should also educate thought leaders who have cross-cultural and cross-border business qualities, and who are knowledgeable in integrated markets.”

– **Dr Josephat Mboya Kiweu, Senior Lecturer, Strathmore University – Kenya, School of Management & Commerce, USB PhD alumnus and chairperson of USB Alumni Association: East Africa**