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MEDIA ADVISORY

Agreement Linking South African University and UW-Milwaukee to be Signed

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. and **Alderman Nik Kovac** will attend a special signing ceremony next week for an agreement for educational and scientific cooperation between the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Zululand (located north of Durban, South Africa on the KwaZulu-Natal north coast).

UWM Provost Johannes Britz and a representative of the South African Consul General's Office in Chicago will sign the agreement, spawned during a Milwaukee delegation's visit to South Africa in December 2009. Alderman Davis, who helped lead that delegation, said the agreement is "an historic milestone" in the linkages between Milwaukee and South Africa.

"The agreement will allow students and faculty members from UWM to visit, study, and teach at the University of Zululand, and vice versa," he said. "The academic sharing of our ideas and the resources of our two institutions will no doubt enrich both Milwaukee and South Africa."

Expected to accompany Provost Britz at the ceremony are: **Jacques du Plessis**, associate professor in UWM's School of Information Studies; **Patrice Petro**, academic program director in UWM's Center for International Education; **Peter Lor**, visiting professor in the School of Information Studies; and **Shana Poneis**, visiting assistant professor in the School of Information Studies.

WHAT: Signing ceremony
WHEN: Tuesday, July 6, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Regents Room (Union), 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

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