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Professor Sibongile Muthwa Vice-Chancellor Nelson Mandela University 21 November 2021

Dear Sibongile

Many thanks for your letter of invitation of 11 November 2021 to attend the opening of the Medical School which sadly I cannot do either in person or online, much as I would have liked to do so.

"Apologies for not being with you on this important occasion which takes the University forward on an exciting new journey to help upgrade South Africa's health provision. The Donald Woods Foundation looks forward to working with the new Medical School through our centre in Hobeni, offering unique research and training potential for your students in our frontline health work with local communities in this remote, poverty-stricken rural area."

Best wishes

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Chair, Donald Woods Foundation