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### **Mbeki to address African Student Leaders Summit**

**Former president to speak on Role of Student Leaders in Africa's Development:  
17h00, Monday, 6 September, 2010**

**Jamieson Hall, UCT Upper Campus. The talk is open to the public at no charge.**

**Seats are limited: please call 021 650 5427 for media accreditation**

Former president Thabo Mbeki will address delegates from 23 different universities in 10 African countries, as well as the University of Cape Town community, at the inaugural African Student Leaders Summit, hosted by UCT.

"UCT has financed the African Student Leaders Summit because we acknowledge the incredibly important role young leaders – and collaboration – play in society and in Africa's future," said UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price. "We want to contribute to the rise of the next generation of leaders who will help develop solutions to the continent's many challenges and take advantage of its significant opportunities. Africa is in position, along with other developing continents, to influence the direction of world business and politics," he said.

The summit, from 6 to 10 September 2010, is a partnership between UCT, the University of Fort Hare, the University of the Western Cape and the University of Witwatersrand. Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh, the SRC President at UCT, said: "The purpose of this summit is to deepen the process of participatory democracy on the African continent and help develop a new brand of African leadership. African students have the potential to instil a new form of continental engagement in democratic processes."

Other featured speakers will include Professor Catherine Odora-Hoppers, the Department of Science & Technology/National Research Foundation South African Chair of Development Education at the University of South Africa; Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, the president and founder of African Monitor and Chair of Council at UCT; the vice-chancellors of UCT, Wits, UWC and UFH; and the consuls general of Mauritius, Botswana and Uganda,

among others. Proceedings will be posted on YouTube at the end of each day of the summit.

Most of the 45 students taking part in the summit have been deployed by their respective university SRCs and/or national student organisations. Through discussion and debates, the summit will encourage deeper citizen participation among delegates. The delegates come from 23 different universities in 10 different countries: Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The universities represented are: Uganda Christian University, Niger Delta University (Nigeria), St Paul's University (Kenya), University of Free State, UWC, Wits, the University of Johannesburg, UCT, UFH (South Africa), Federal Polytechnic Oko (Nigeria), University of Education, Winneba (Ghana), Accra Polytechnic (Ghana), University of Ghana, Christian State University College (Ghana), Islamic University College (Ghana), University of Zimbabwe, Makerere University (Uganda), University of Namibia, University of Botswana, Alneilen University (Sudan) and the University of Swaziland.

One of UCT's strategic goals is to be an Afropolitan institution that provides a platform for all things African. The summit will create a united voice for African students, which can be a catalyst for change on the continent and in the world. The partner institutions have been identified based on their own interests in student leadership development: UFH sees itself as the crucible of African leadership; UWC as a national university contributing to the development of South Africa within the context of Africa; and Wits as a producer of intellectuals for South Africa and the continent.

For further details, please visit [www.aslsummit.com](http://www.aslsummit.com).

**Media welcome to the following sessions  
Cape Town Lodge, 101 Buitengracht Street (unless otherwise stated)**

**Please contact Richard McLaverty on 084 474 3171 for media accreditation  
to attend sessions or schedule interviews with summit speakers**

**Monday, 06 September 2010**

Time	Topic	Facilitator/ Presenter
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09:00 – 10:00	<p>Welcome Address on behalf of SRC and DSA</p> <p>Key note Address</p>	<p><b>Chairperson-Professor Crain Soudien, Deputy Vice Chancellor</b></p> <p>Mr Sizwe Mpofu- Walsh, SRC President &amp; Ms. Moonira Khan, Executive Director: DSA</p> <p>Ms Thandi Lewin, Chief Director of University Policy-Department of Higher Education and Training</p>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Tea</b>	
10:30 – 12:30	<p>The United Nations and African Millennium Goals : How Education Can be Developed to Include Traditional Knowledge</p> <p>Proposal for the inclusion of a goal</p>	<p><b>Chairperson-Ms Sumaya Hendricks</b></p> <p>Confirmed Speaker: Prof Catherine Odora- Hoppers (DST/ NRF South African Chair of Development Education at UNISA)</p> <p>Ms Catherine Peters, One Young World (Africa)</p>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Africa's Economic Development: How the Development of the Youth Can Contribute towards Poverty Alleviation</p>	<p><b>Chairperson-Ms Edwina Goliath</b></p> <p>Confirmed Speaker-Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, President and Founder of African Monitor</p>
<b>15:00-15:15</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
17:00 – 18:30	<p><b>Special Lecture: The role of student leaders in the development of Africa.</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Jameson Hall, UCT Upper Campus</b></p>	<p>Confirmed speaker: Mr Thabo Mbeki, Former President of the Republic of South Africa</p> <p><b>Guests &amp; media to be seated by 16h45 please</b></p>
19:00 – 20:00	<b>Welcome Cocktail at the Premier's Official Residence, Leeuwenhof</b>	Confirmed host: Dr Ivan Meyer, MEC for Social Development (Acting Premier)

**Wednesday, 08 September 2010:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Facilitator/ Presenter</b>
09:00 – 11:00	The role of Higher Education in the Development of Africa	<b>Chairperson-Professor Crain Soudien, Deputy Vice chancellor-UCT</b>  Confirmed Speakers: Professor Loyiso Nongxa (VC-WITS) Mr Mjekula (Dean of Students-Fort Hare) Professor Brian O'Connell (VC-UWC) Dr Max Price (VC-UCT)
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Photograph session &amp; Tea</b>	
11:30 – 13:00	Student leadership as a vehicle for ensuring the role of Higher Education in the Development of Africa	<b>Chairperson- Prof Lulu Tshiwula, DVC: Students at UWC</b> Confirmed Speaker: Mr Sandile Phakathi, SAUS President & Mr Abdul Karim Hakib, Secretary General- All Africa Students Union
13:00 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00 – 15:00	Student Perceptions of Student Leadership in Higher Education: Evidence from Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa	<b>Chairperson- Mr Richard McLaverty</b> Confirmed Speaker: Dr Thierry Luescher, Centre for Higher Education Transformation
15:00-16:00	From Alexandria through Timbuktu to Cape Town - A knowledge journey	<b>Chairperson: Melvyn Lubega</b> Confirmed Speaker: Professor Brian O'Connell- vice chancellor at the University of the Western Cape

**Thursday, 09 September 2010:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Facilitator/ Presenter</b>
09:30 – 11:00	Sustainable development: Issues of Global Warming, the Environment and its impact on Africa	<b>Chairperson-Mr Wandile Mamba</b> Confirmed Speakers: Dr Andrew Marquard-Energy Research Centre (UCT) Dr Gina Ziervogel-Climate Systems Analysis Group
11:00-11:30	<b>TEA</b>	

11:30 – 13:00	<p>Building a Human Rights Culture: The African Charter on Human and People's Rights</p> <p>Human Rights Issues in Africa</p>	<p><b>Chairperson: Mr Jerome September,</b> <b>Manager: Student Governance and Leadership</b></p> <p>Confirmed Speaker-Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo, Deputy Vice Chancellor, UCT</p> <p>Confirmed Speaker-Professor Pierre De Vos, Claude Leon Foundation Chair in Constitutional Governance</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Best Practice in Africa: Some examples of best practice in the continent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economic development through tourism</li> <li>- Good governance</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Managing The HIV/ Aids Pandemic</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chairperson: Dr Loveness Kaunda-Director of the International Academic Programs Office, UCT</b></p> <p>Confirmed Speakers:</p> <p>Honorary Consular General of the Republic of Mauritius, Mr Mukhtar Joonas</p> <p>Honorable Consular General of the Republic of Botswana, Mr Gaseitsiwe</p> <p>Counsellor at the Uganda High Commission Mrs. Helen Kasozi Kayiza</p>
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Steve Biko Memorial Lecture, UCT Campus</b>	<p>US author and scholar, Alice Walker*</p> <p><b>* For media accreditation, please phone UCT at 021 650 5427</b></p>

**Friday, 10 September 2010:**

Time	Topic	Facilitator/ Presenter
09:00 – 10:30	Democracy and Governance in Africa: Corruption in Politics and Moving Beyond Dictatorship	<p><b>Chairperson- Ms Birgit Schreiber,</b> <b>Director: Centre for Student Support Services</b></p> <p>Confirmed Speakers: Mr Nqobizitha Mlilo, Human Rights Lawyer</p>

**ENDS**

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