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Education expert to speak at UCT on 'changing schools for good'

Brahm Fleisch, Professor of Education Policy at Wits, to speak at 10th anniversary celebration of UCT Schools Development Unit: Monday, 05 September 2011, 16h00-19h00, Kramer Law Bldg, Middle Campus

The Schools Development Unit (SDU) at the University of Cape Town will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a lecture on "Changing Schools for good: what the future holds for Teacher Professional Development in SA", by Brahm Fleisch, Professor of Education Policy at Wits School of Education, on Monday, 05 September 2011, at the Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus, at 16h00. Registration opens at 15h30.

Professor Fleisch is professor in the Division of Education Leadership and Policy Studies in Wits School of Education. His research and teaching interests include education planning, school effectiveness/improvement, educational finance, and systemic change. From 1995 to 2000, he served as Director of Education for the Gauteng Provincial Government. While he was in the public service, he initiated a number of innovative school improvement projects.

As a founding member of the SADC Centre for Education Policy, Planning and Management, Professor Fleisch has trained senior education planners and policy makers from Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Mauritius, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Professor Fleisch is the author of a number of publications in the areas of educational change, education and the law, school improvement and educational finance. His acclaimed book, *Managing Educational Change: the State and School Reform in South Africa* (Heinemann) provides a comprehensive account of educational transformation in South Africa since 1994. His recent articles and book chapters have focused on the role

of districts in school improvement, gender and learner achievement, teacher costs and effective schools, and contextual factors associated with school improvement.

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