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UCT to host national conference on Strategies to Overcome Poverty and Inequality

**3-7 September 2012, Leslie Social Science Building,
Upper Campus, UCT**

Some key speakers

- Trevor Manuel (Minister in the Presidency, National Planning Commission) - Vision 2030 and the NPC process
- Mamphela Ramphele - Introduction: From Carnegie II to Carnegie III
- Kate O'Reagan - The Constitutional Context: Then and Now
- Jonathan Jansen - Reflections From a University Perspective
- Vusi Madonsela - Perspectives from the Department of Social Development
- Di McIntyre – What do we know about poverty, inequality and health in South Africa? (expert on the NHI)
- Paul Hoffman - The Effect of Corruption on Poverty
- Nasief van der Schyff - Using Sport to Address Poverty
- Judge Dennis Davis – Labour Regulation Panel
- Mary Metcalfe to convene a session on A National Education Partnership
- Media panel - chaired by John Perlman; panelists: Nic Dawes (Editor: Mail&Guardian), Mondli Makhanya (Chair: South African National Editors Forum), Mpumi Mkhabela (Editor: The Sowetan), Alide Dasnois (Executive Editor: Cape Times) and Ferial Haffajee (Editor: City Press)

Conference themes and aims

- Aim of conference – to provide a national platform for ideas about strategies to address poverty and inequality, two of the most pressing issues in South Africa
- Themes - macroeconomic policy, unemployment and labour issues, legal frameworks, social protection and grants, education, energy, migration, entrepreneurship, environment, family, food, health, land reform
- Over 300 speakers in 50 sessions

Strategies to Overcome Poverty and Inequality: Towards Carnegie III will look for effective ways to reduce inequality and poverty in its many forms.

The conference will follow on from two historic Carnegie inquiries which focused on highlighting and addressing poverty and inequality in South Africa. The 2012 conference will focus on understanding the experiences and causes of inequality, and particularly on considering practical strategies – policies and actions – that are aimed at significantly reducing inequality and poverty in both the short- and long-term. This is a challenge that involves all South Africans, organised in many different ways.

The conference, led by UCT Emeritus Professor in Economics Francis Wilson, will be the beginning of the three-year process.

Wilson said stage one aims to provide a national platform for debate and for maximum cross-fertilisation of existing knowledge, ideas and experience. This will help to inform a research agenda for researchers in the network of South African universities and other institutions. Stage two will consist of socially engaged and applied research by many institutions and individuals across the country over the next two to three years, in preparation for what is being envisaged as the final conference of the Carnegie III Inquiry in 2015 (stage 2). Here, relevant research and ideas on poverty and inequality will be consolidated for consideration by the government and other institutions.

Key questions and issues to be raised during the conference:

- Should the government promote further urbanisation or seek to stimulate growth in rural areas?
- What would be the consequences of a widespread subsidy to the youth wage?
- Is increased tariff protection a feasible way of generating more jobs in the country? At what cost?
- What practical steps can be taken in the short run to meet the challenges of literacy and numeracy in so many of the country's primary schools?
- What are effective ways of mobilising and supporting the energies of people at all levels of society to reduce poverty and inequality?
- What opportunities exist for establishing closer synergies between government, business, trade unions and the NGO sector?
- How do we consider strategies for replicating and scaling up initiatives that work?

Note to journalists

For full programme visit

For accreditation please RSVP

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Accredited media will have access to all sessions of the conference.

Parking

Plenty of free parking will be available near the

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venue (on the south side: P5, P4 and P17)
Key sessions will be recorded and webcasts can be accessed via the conference website or UCT's youtube site. Daily blogs and links to media reports will also be placed on the conference website.

Conference venues

The main conference will be held in the Leslie Social Science Building on UCT's upper campus.
All evening events will be in the Baxter Theatre on Rondebosch Main Road. (Please note that media wishing to attend the Impumelelo Social Innovation awards ceremony should contact Impumelelo directly at (021) 424 6360 or info@impumelelo.org.za

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