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Achebe-inspired debate will cap UCT's Africa Month celebrations

**The Big Debate: "Things Fall Apart?", 16h00, 24 May 2013
Golden Arrow Studio, Baxter Theatre, Rondebosch**

The University of Cape Town will mark the end of its month-long programme commemorating Africa Day with an exhibition and panel discussion titled: The Big Debate: "Things Fall Apart?", inspired by the works of Nigerian novelist, poet, professor and critic, the late Chinua Achebe.

The Big Debate will also serve as a launch for Café Africa, an African-focused public discussion series currently taking place in the form of seminars across campus, titled "Celebrating Chinua Achebe: Life, Works and Ideas".

The Big Debate will be held at 16h00 on Friday, 24 May 2013, at the Golden Arrow Studio, Baxter Theatre, Rondebosch. Panellists include: Professor Jane Bennett and Professor Francis Nyamnjoh, both from UCT's School of African and Gender Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics; Professor Zodwa Motsa, Country Director of UNISA: Ethiopia; Dr Sanya Osha from the Institute for Economic Research on Innovation at the Tshwane University of Technology; and Ms Emma Arogundade of the Human Sciences Research Council.

Africa Day has been observed at UCT in different ways over the last few years and each year, the university makes a concerted effort to mark it in more visible ways. This forms part of UCT's Afropolitan vision of making the university an intellectual meeting point and sought-after destination for scholars worldwide who have an interest in Africa.

Preceding the panel discussion, UCT's International Academic Programmes Office will co-host an Exhibition Poster Seminar at the Baxter on Thursday, 23 May 2013. An exhibition, showcasing the work done at UCT in collaboration with colleagues from across the continent to further African goals, will take place from 23 to 24 May 2013.

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