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UCT event to celebrate womxn's achievements

13 August 2020 | 13:00 | Microsoft Teams | [Register online](#)

For the first time, three University of Cape Town (UCT) female leaders will come under one virtual roof to commemorate women's month.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng will host a celebratory virtual Women's Day event on Thursday, 13 August via Microsoft Teams. The programme will include Chancellor Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe, who will give the keynote address, and chair of Council, Ms Babalwa Ngonyama, who will deliver a vote of thanks.

Professor Phakeng said: "While we, and the world, are still fighting against the direct and indirect consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, we must continue to celebrate the achievements of the womxn at UCT and support and inspire one another.

"As such, and to commemorate this important month, we will be hosting a virtual Women's Day event. The programme will include womxn who are at the top of their fields."

Two years ago, Professor Phakeng launched the For Womxm by Womxn research grants to create more opportunities for womxn. These grants focus on training postgraduates and postdoctoral fellows, with an emphasis on building capacity among black South African women and transgender researchers.

Recipients of the research grants – Professor Floretta Boonzaier, Professor Janet Hapgood and Dr Katye Altieri – will give an update on their interesting research projects which range from shifting how research around gender-based violence is done, to contraception and HIV risk of women in sub-Saharan Africa, and building capacity in the field of oceanography.

[Watch the Women's Day event invite.](#)

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