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UCT to host delegation led by Swiss Minister of Education

Thursday, 7 July 2022 | 15:30-17:20 | Garnet Room, New Engineering Building

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will host a high-level Swiss ministerial delegation as part of a fruitful collaboration in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, particularly around blockchain.

The delegation will be hosted by UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng. Members of the UCT leadership who will be in attendance include Professor Elelwani Ramugondo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC): Transformation, Student Affairs and Social Responsiveness; Professor Harsha Kathard, acting DVC: Teaching and Learning; and Associate Professor Co-Pierre Georg, Director: Algorand-UCT Financial and Innovation Hub.

Mr Guy Parmelin, the Head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research, will lead the delegation from Switzerland.

Switzerland and South Africa began engaging in blockchain technology in the ambit of bilateral education, research and innovation cooperation in 2019. Aiming to continue the story of successful collaboration around blockchain technology, the Swiss Embassy has actively engaged in further building the ecosystem with academia and industry.

UCT has been a crucial partner of Switzerland in fostering bilateral cooperation, notably through the Algorand Fintech Innovation Hub. Lighthouse projects include the 2021 InCube Challenge organised by the Entrepreneurs' Club of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich.

Note: The session is open to members of the media. Post the formal programme, there will be an opportunity for interviews with members of both the UCT and Swiss delegations.

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