



**Communication and Marketing Department  
Isebe loThungelwano neNtengiso  
Kommunikasie en Bemarkingsdepartement**

Private Bag X3, Rondebosch 7701, South Africa  
Welgelegen House, Chapel Road Extension, Rosebank, Cape Town  
Tel: +27 (0) 21 650 5427/5428/5674 Fax: +27 (0) 21 650 5628

[www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)

**21 August 2023**

## **UCT to support unity walk by Uyinene Mrwetyana Foundation**

In continuing to remember Uyinene Mrwetyana and many others who lost their lives due to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), the University of Cape Town (UCT) will gather in support of a unity walk organised by the Uyinene Mrwetyana Foundation on Saturday, 26 August 2023.

One of UCT's bleakest moments was when first-year student Uyinene Mrwetyana went to the post office in Claremont to pick up a parcel and ended up being brutally raped and murdered by a male post office worker on 24 August 2019.

UCT will join the unity walk to commemorate and celebrate the life of Uyinene, a beacon of hope and inspiration whose tragic passing shook campus and forever changed lives of family and friends.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Transformation, Student Affairs and Social Responsiveness, Professor Elelwani Ramugondo, said: "The month of August is not only for the country to celebrate women. It is during this month that we are also reminded of – and we intensify our efforts in – confronting sexual and gender-based violence.

"As a university, we put every effort toward creating an environment on and around campus where students and colleagues can feel safe, against the background of SGBV as a broader societal scourge."

The theme of the walk is "United Against GBVF (gender-based violence and femicide)".

Ramugondo added: "Beyond serving as a commemoration of Uyinene's life, the walk will show support for everyone affected by SGBV as we stand as a unified community with students and staff from the Western Cape in the commitment to eradicate SGBV."

The walk will start at Roscommon Residence at 09:00 and proceed to Clareinch Post Office.

Ramugondo remembered Uyinene as a young student whose life was one characterised by determination, intelligence and a passion for positive change. "As a student at UCT, she demonstrated exceptional academic prowess, an unwavering commitment to her studies, and an infectious enthusiasm for life. Her vibrant spirit, warm heart and compassionate nature made her a beloved member of our campus family. To honour her legacy, UCT created the Uyinene Mrwetyana Scholarship in the Faculty of Humanities.

"Let us remember Uyinene as not just a victim of violence but as a champion for humanity, equality and justice. Let her life inspire us to strive for a society where everyone feels safe, valued and heard," said Ramugondo.

For further information about the unity walk or to get involved, please contact the [Uyinene Mrwetyana Foundation](#) or the UCT [Office for Inclusivity & Change](#).

***ENDS***

***Issued by: UCT Communication and Marketing Department***

**Elijah Moholola**

Spokesperson  
Communication and Marketing Department  
University of Cape Town  
Rondebosch  
Tel: 021 650 5674  
Cell: 083 981 7770  
Email: [elijah.moholola@uct.ac.za](mailto:elijah.moholola@uct.ac.za)  
Website: [www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)