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Soapbox Science returns to Cape Town

25 November 2023 | 12:00-15:00 | Clock Tower, V&A Waterfront

For the second time since its inception, [Soapbox Science](#) will be hosted in Cape Town – and the event is co-hosted by the University of Cape Town (UCT), the iThemba LABS, the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO), and the V&A Waterfront.

Soapbox Science is an initiative that aims to promote the visibility and boost career prospects of female and non-binary scientists through the establishment of grassroots, annual public engagement of science events, in addition to making an active contribution to changing academic cultures, social norms and public perception of science careers.

This year's event promises to transform the Clock Tower at the V&A Waterfront into an open arena for learning and lively debates. Eight remarkable speakers from South Africa's top institutions will cover various topics, including nuclear physics and vaccine research.

"Our speakers aim to engage with people from all walks of life to share some of South Africa's most ground-breaking scientific research. This is your chance to delve into the wonderful world of science in a fun and entertaining way," said Dr Lucia Marchetti, a UCT astronomer and a 2015 London Soapbox Science speaker.

Inspired by the legendary Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, this worldwide event brings science into the public spotlight, setting the stage for dynamic discussions on ground-breaking discoveries and stirring controversies.

"It's science like you've never seen before – taking to the streets and sparking curiosity at every turn," said Marchetti.

Led by Marchetti, the event is organised by a group of enthusiastic women scientists: Drs Elisa Nemes and Carly Young-Bailie from UCT, Luna Pellegrini from iThemba LABS, and Rosalind Skelton from SAAO.

Marchetti emphasised: "Soapbox Science provides an exciting opportunity for the public to meet, engage, and be inspired by our great female scientists. We are all very excited and we hope many will come to engage with us on the day."

Don't miss the chance to witness South Africa's top female scientists in action, contributing to the global scientific landscape. For more information and the full lineup of speakers, visit the [Soapbox Science Cape Town Facebook Page](#).

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