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UCT partners with Futurize to address pressing healthcare and climate change challenges in Africa

The University of Cape Town (UCT) has partnered with Futurize as an official university partner for [Fuel Africa 2024](#), an entrepreneurship programme to address the most pressing challenges in healthcare and climate change.

This partnership forms part of UCT's mission to promote inclusivity and tackle contemporary challenges through advanced teaching, research, and state-of-the-art facilities in South Africa and beyond.

The landmark collaboration sets the stage for the launch of Fuel Africa 2024, a programme aimed to catalyse innovation within emerging entrepreneurs across the African continent. The programme is scheduled for 20 March to 3 April 2024. It offers young leaders skill-building and immersive learning experiences to foster solutions addressing Africa's foremost challenges, particularly in healthcare access, early detection of non-communicable diseases, and climate change mitigation, addressing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The programme will offer the most promising teams the opportunity to apply for their incubator programme to accelerate their idea and build a minimum viable product (MVP).

UCT's dedication to the UN SDGs underscores its pivotal role in addressing global challenges through research. The university's researchers persistently contribute to developing Africa-centric solutions for worldwide issues, encompassing climate change, urbanisation, safety and security, education, and health. This commitment positions UCT as a crucial partner for Fuel Africa 2024. The university also gives students a platform to build their leadership and service skills that can help them address societal problems through entrepreneurship.

UCT Head: Sustainability and Impact (Careers) Nadia Waggie said: "Through the collaborative efforts of the Fuel Africa Programme, UCT and Futurize are paving the way for a new era of entrepreneurship in Africa. This collaboration aims to not only strengthen entrepreneurial initiatives across the continent but also to foster enduring relationships with universities and their vibrant student communities. Together, we are building a foundation for sustainable growth and innovation in the entrepreneurial landscape of Africa."

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