

### 23 March 2018

# UCT to raise awareness in district with high TB rate

The University of Cape Town's South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (SATVI) has collaborated with the provincial Department of Education and other partners to mark World TB Day in the Cape Winelands district with an exhibition which will be hosted in three towns – Worcester, Stellenbosch and Robertson. World TB day is commemorated each year on 24 March.

SATVI will undertake this programme in partnership with the South African Medical Research Council (MRC) Centre for Tuberculosis Research, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) / National Research Foundation (NRF) Centre of Excellence for Biomedical Tuberculosis Research, the Division of Molecular Biology and Human Genetics at Stellenbosch University and the UCT Anthropology department.

This important TB awareness raising project follows the Kick TB Schools Program and the Kick TB Poster Competition, which ran from 2015 to 2017.

### Background and description of project

The exhibit, which has been compiled by scientists and anthropologists from UCT and Stellenbosch University, will focus on the signs and symptoms, diagnostics, treatment and outcome, the TB pathogen and scientific research around TB. The Cape Winelands district has a high rate of TB.

## Exhibit programme, 22 March to 25 April 2018:

- 22 to 28 March, Worcester; 9:00-10:30; 11:00-12:30; 13:00-14:30
- 17 & 18 April, Robertson; 9:00-10:30; 11:00-12:30; 13:00-14:30
- 24 & 25 April, Stellenbosch; 9:00-10:30; 11:00-12:30; 13:00-14:30

#### **Notes to Editors**

To access the full programme, click here.

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