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UCT students celebrate Africa month

As the University of Cape Town prepares for its annual Africa Day celebrations – which have been expanded to a full month of events over May – the student community is also getting involved with the Student Representative Council (SRC) and various student societies participating in a number of exciting events.

Africa Day is the annual commemoration of the founding of the Organisation of African Unity on 25 May 1963.

Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo, the deputy vice-chancellor responsible for internationalisation and the Afropolitan thrust at UCT, said: "Celebrating Africa Month at UCT allows for deeper reflection on our engagement as a university in continental issues and debates, in line with our Afropolitan vision."

Kicking off with international soccer

The celebrations kick off on 5 May with UCT's version of the African Cup of Nations soccer tournament, co-hosted by the SRC, International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) and international student societies. The tournament will feature four teams (one per region) representing the different countries in the four regions of Africa.

On 10 May, students and staff will strut their stuff at a fashion show, showcasing the diversity on campus as part of an exhibition of African fabrics. This exhibition also aims to explore Africa's cultural, social and political identities through fabric.

In an all-day event on 15 May, students will share in each other's culinary tastes at the Societies' Plaza Day: a day of food, country stalls, music, dance and poetry.

On 16 May, UCT's All Africa House will host a seminar where students from various African countries will talk about their experiences and life at UCT and Cape Town. The seminar will be chaired by Dr Chuma Himonga, one of UCT's top law scholars. Dr Himonga also holds an NRF Chair in Customary Law.

In addition, there are events at the Institute for the Humanities in Africa, the Gordon Institute for Performing and Creative Arts, the Irma Stern Museum, All Africa House, the International Academic Programmes Office, the South African College of Music and the Faculty of Law.

Event	Date	Info	Contact details
UCT Africa Cup of Nations	5 May	Teams representing the four regions of Africa will play a round-robin tournament, co-hosted by the SRC, IAPO and international student societies.	Mike Ramothwala: 071 92010398
		Venue: Kopano Soccer Fields, Chapel Ext road, Lower Campus Time: 10h00	
Afropolitan through fabric	10 May	An exhibition of African fabrics will be exhibited to showcase the diversity of UCT students and staff	Pauline Alexander: 021 650 5602
		Venue: Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus Time: 16h30 – 18h30	
Societies' Plaza Day	15 May	Celebrating Africa – Societies' Plaza Day: a day of food, country stalls, music, dance and poetry	Mike Ramothwala: 071 92010398
		Venue: Jammie Plaza, Upper Campus Time: 08h00 -17h00	
Experiences of study and life at UCT	16 May	Students from African countries will share their experiences of study and life at UCT.	Dr Chuma Himonga: 021 6502186
		Venue: Seminar room, All Africa House, Middle Campus Time: 18h00	

A detailed programme of the month's activities is available [here](#).

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