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## **Dlamini-Zuma to speak on African Renaissance at Steve Biko Memorial Lecture at UCT**

**2 October 2013, 18h00, Jameson Hall, Upper Campus**

Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AU), will deliver the 14th Annual Steve Biko Memorial Lecture at the University of Cape Town on Wednesday, 2 October 2013. The event will take place at 18h00 in the Jameson Hall, Upper Campus (doors open at 17h00).

The lecture, which marks the 36th anniversary of Biko's death, was established in 2000 as the Steve Biko Foundation's flagship programme. It presents a platform to explore the contemporary relevance of the life and legacy of Bantu Stephen Biko, central to which is the struggle icon's role in advancing social justice.

With her speech, titled "Pan-Africanism and the African Renaissance", Dr Dlamini-Zuma joins a growing list of luminaries who have reflected on Biko's legacy through the memorial lecture held at UCT.

Dr Dlamini-Zuma served as the national Vice-President of the South African Students' Organisation, which was established by Biko, during her years as a student at the University of Natal in the early 1970s. She later went into exile and held key leadership roles in the anti-apartheid struggle before returning to South Africa in the 1990s. In 2012, Dr Dlamini-Zuma was elected as the head of the AU Commission, making her the first woman to lead the institution which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Through its 14-year history the Steve Biko Memorial Lecture has been delivered by some of Africa and the world's leading scholars, artists, and religious and political leaders. These include Professor Njabulo Ndebele, Professor Zakes Mda, the late Professor Chinua Achebe, Professor Ngugi wa Thiong'o, former President Nelson Mandela, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, former President Thabo Mbeki, Trevor Manuel, Tito Mboweni and Pulitzer Prize-winning US

author Professor Alice Walker. Internationally renowned advocate Sir Sydney Kentridge delivered the 2011 lecture, while Professor Ben Okri, one of Africa's foremost writers in the postmodern and post-colonial traditions, delivered last year's lecture.

**Media accreditation and tickets to the lecture:**

The Steve Biko Memorial Lecture is open and free to members of the public. Due to the high demand for seats at this event, tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Media are welcome to attend, but must reserve seats because of limited space. Please contact Loga Makwela at 021 650 5427 or [loga.makwela@uct.ac.za](mailto:loga.makwela@uct.ac.za) before 13h00 on Friday, 27 September 2013.

Members of the public can pick up tickets from Wednesday, 25 September 2013, until Friday, 27 September 2013, from UCT's Communication and Marketing Department at Welgelegen, Chapel Road Extension, Rosebank. This office will be open from 08h00 to 16h00. Members of the public can direct their enquiries to Zukiswa Dlelembé at [zukiswa.ndlelembé@uct.ac.za](mailto:zukiswa.ndlelembé@uct.ac.za) or 021 650 3759.

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