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## **UCT, Western Cape government & civil society partner to prevent violence**

The University of Cape Town's Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI), in partnership with the Cape Higher Education Consortium and Western Cape Provincial Government, will hold a high-level symposium on understanding violence and how to design and implement effective violence prevention measures, which will include a special focus on the Western Cape.

The symposium will take place on 1 and 2 November 2013 at the Premier Hotel Cape Manor in Sea Point, Cape Town.

Guy Lamb, Director of SaVI, said: "This colloquium will serve as a springboard for future cooperative, consultative and more focused engagement between academics, the Provincial Government and civil society organisations. We hope that this meeting of minds will lead to sustainable and more creative violence prevention programmes in the Western Cape."

At the two-day event, a variety of topics related to violence and evidence-based violence prevention interventions will be discussed. These include gender-based violence, substance abuse, youth violence, community violence; and violence in schools, violence against children and firearm violence. There will also be a special panel discussion on the Provincial Government's violence prevention framework.

Academics from the following universities will present at the symposium: UCT, University of KwaZulu-Natal, University of Pretoria, University of the Western Cape, University of the Witwatersrand, University of Stellenbosch and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. Representatives from the Provincial Government's community safety and health departments as well as the Premier's Office will give their input. In addition, there will be presentations from Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading and the SafetyLab, as well as numerous civil society organisations.

For more information, please see the colloquium website:  
<http://www.savi2013.co.za>.

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