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## Media Invite: "Challenging Inequalities: Human Development and Social Change"

### Annual Conference of the Human Development and Capabilities Association (HDCA)

6 – 8 September 2017 | The Westin, Protea Hotel, Mowbray, Cape Town

The University of Cape Town's Poverty and Inequality Initiative (UCT PII), in partnership with the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and academics from the Universities of the Western Cape and Free State, will host the Human Development and Capabilities Association's (HDCA) Annual Conference on 6 – 8 September 2017 at The Westin, Protea Hotel, Mowbray.

The theme of this year's conference is "*Challenging Inequalities: Human Development and Social Change*". Some 270 papers and five keynote addresses will be presented over the three days of the conference, with a range of presenters from several countries in Africa, Latin America, South America, North America, Europe, and Asia. The structure of the conference includes sessions for young and senior scholars to engage, roundtables, thematic panels and other academic presentations.

The conference will cover among others, the following sub-themes: Just societies, inequalities and agency freedoms: operationalising a capabilities approach; Intersectionality and multidimensional inequalities; Educating for social change; and Economic policies: imagining alternatives as catalysts for social change and well-being; Sustainable development - imagining and living alternatives; building interdisciplinary capabilities; Philosophical and ethical foundations and implications of the capability approach related to a variety of methods (e.g. participatory, quantitative, qualitative, mixed); and Methodological issues in operationalizing the capability approach.

The draft programme can be viewed [here](#).

All media representatives/journalists interested in attending the event are requested to RSVP to [thami.nkwanyane@uct.ac.za](mailto:thami.nkwanyane@uct.ac.za) Tel: (021) 650-5672 / Cell: 0725639500 by Tuesday, 5 September.

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