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UCT to engage with key Durban stakeholders to share transformation vision

University of Cape Town (UCT) Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Transformation, Professor Loretta Feris, will visit Durban as part of an ongoing engagement programme facilitated by the university's Development and Alumni Department.

The cocktail event, taking place at the Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge on Friday 17 May, will include guests such as the Durban Deputy Mayor, Councillor Fawzia Peer and the Chief Executive Officer of the Durban Chamber of Commerce, Mrs Palesa Phili.

The event is an opportunity for stakeholders - including UCT's alumni, corporate representatives and friends of the institution - to engage with Professor Feris and gain an understanding of the latest developments at UCT. Professor Feris will focus on developments in transformation and the vision for transformation going forward.

"Transformation is an evolving process; there is no silver bullet and the journey of transformation is a life-long commitment. What is important is that we commit ourselves to this journey. As such, at UCT we constantly reevaluate and adapt our policies, processes and actions to ensure that UCT is responsive to the current academic, social and economic realities of staff and students," said Professor Feris.

Legacy Manager in the Development and Alumni Department, Mr Fahim Docrat added: "UCT is very much an engaged institution and very aware of the challenges but also the immense opportunities in South Africa. Critical to our vision for the future is an approach of consultation and listening to feedback from our alumni and associates. This visit is about sharing updates but also about receiving feedback and incorporating what we hear into our strategy for the university."

Docrat continued: "Our alumni and associates are spread all over the world and we aim to continue growing our footprint and maintaining our standing as the number one university in Africa."

The event will be an important opportunity to shed light on broader developments within the higher education sector. UCT will host similar events throughout the country during the year.

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