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UCT to bid farewell to Chancellor Machel at summer graduation ceremonies

The University of Cape Town will bid farewell to Chancellor Graca Machel at this summer's graduation ceremonies, where approximately 1771 students are scheduled to graduate.

The ceremonies will be held at Sarah Baartman Hall on upper campus on 12, 13 and 23 December.

The ceremony on 12 December will be the last presided by outgoing Chancellor, Mrs Machel, whose term comes to an end on 31 December. UCT will honour Mrs Machel for serving the university in the last two decades. She was first elected as Chancellor in 1999, and then re-elected for another 10-year term in 2009.

UCT will also confer three honorary degrees during the ceremonies, with the recipients being renowned scholar Professor Jonathan Jansen, world leading biochemical engineer Dr Georges Belfort, and leading scientist in molecular genetics and biochemistry Dr Marlene Belfort.

- [Read the VC Desk on the honorary doctorates recipients.](#)

Speakers during the ceremonies include Professor Peter Zilla, Mr Abbas Jamie, Mr Sandras Phiri, and Dr Dumani Kula.

December Graduation 2019 schedule

Faculty	Date and Time	Speaker
Law & Health Sciences 1	12 December at 10:00	Professor Peter Zilla

Engineering and Built Environment and Science	12 December at 15:00	Mr Abbas Jamie
Humanities	13 December at 09:00	Professor Jonathan Jansen
Commerce	13 December at 14:00	Prof Georges & Prof Marlene Belfort
Health Sciences 2	13 December at 18:00	Mr Sandras Phiri
Health Sciences 3	23 December at 10:00	Dr Dumani Kula

- Media wishing to attend any of the ceremonies should please RSVP to aamirah.sunday@uct.ac.za.
- [Download photos of Mrs Machel.](#)
- The graduation ceremonies will be [streamed live](#).

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