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## **UCT to host open lecture by Auditor-General**

**Thursday, 30 September 2021 | 18:00 SAST | Platform: Microsoft Teams**

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The University of Cape Town (UCT) will host a virtual Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture to be presented by the Auditor-General of South Africa and UCT alumna, Ms Tsakani Maluleke.

Maluleke is the first woman to hold this position in the audit institution's 109-year history and was also its first Deputy Auditor-General.

Her lecture is titled "The role of accountancy professionals in strengthening democracy". The lecture will highlight the prevailing and growing levels of poverty, unemployment and inequality in our society that pose significant risks to the stability of our young democracy.

UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng said: "Maluleke will reflect on the recent events which serve as reminders of the urgency with which we must drive inclusive and sustainable economic growth while building a capable state machinery that enjoys public trust.

"She will argue that building and sustaining public trust, accountability and transparency is achieved when those entrusted with running institutions act with integrity and are supported by a strong and stable accountability ecosystem. Professionals, accountants and auditors serve in the public interest within this accountability ecosystem."

Maluleke's background as a chartered accountant spans more than 20 years, with experience in both the private and public sectors, and in areas as diverse as auditing, consulting, corporate advisory, development finance, investment management and skills development agencies.

She is a fellow and moderator of the African Leadership Initiative and the Aspen Global Leadership Network. Maluleke has served on the Presidential Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) Advisory Council, where she successfully led a sub-committee that developed recommendations which influenced key amendments to legislation and regulations relating to Broad-Based BEE. She is also a former president of the Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants of Southern Africa.

As a non-executive member of the Financial Advisory & Intermediary Services (FAIS) Ombud committee, she offered advice on the setting up of the FAIS Ombud office. She is motivated by a passion to actively contribute to advancing black men and women in the accountancy profession. She has pursued this passion through her work with various organisations – including Business Unity South Africa, African Women Chartered Accountants, and the Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants of Southern Africa (ABASA), of which she is a former president.

Her commitment to service excellence and ethical leadership and her contribution to the advancement of transformation was recognised and awarded, at different times, by the presidents of both the Black Management Forum and ABASA.

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