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Invite: Inaugural lecture on global surgical systems

12 July 2023 | 17:00-19:00 | New Lecture Theatre, Upper Campus, UCT

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will host an inaugural lecture by Professor Salome Maswime on Wednesday, 12 July.

The lecture is titled "From caesarean section-related complications to global surgical systems strengthening". Professor Maswime is the head of the Global Surgery Division and chair of the University of the Future Project at UCT.

"Caesarean sections are the most widely performed surgery in the world, yet African women are fifty times more likely to die from caesarean section complications, than women in high-income countries," said Professor Maswime.

"A billion people in Africa don't have access to safe and timely surgery. This is the focus of Global Surgery - a relatively new and inspiring interdisciplinary field of enquiry, research, practice, and advocacy that aims to strengthen surgical systems, improve health outcomes and achieve health equity for all people who need surgical, obstetric and anaesthesia care, with a special emphasis on underserved, marginalised populations, and those in crisis."

Wits University Chancellor Dr Judy Dlamini, Western Cape Health and Wellness MEC Nomafrench Mbombo, and Chairperson of the National Research Foundation Professor Mosa Moshabela are among distinguished guests scheduled to attend the event.

Media interested in attending the inaugural lecture in-person are requested to RSVP by Tuesday, 11 July 2023 via email to ridovhona.mbulaheni@uct.ac.za. A virtual link will also be made available closer to the lecture.

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