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Media Invite: UCT to release the *South African Child Gauge 2017*

Children: The key to South Africa's social and economic transformation

Tuesday, 28 November | 16h00-17h30 | River Club, Observatory

South Africa is losing billions of rands in human potential each year because of an underinvestment in its children. If the country is serious about sustainable development, the potential of its children needs to be unlocked by prioritising investment in five key areas.

These and other findings will be discussed at next week's release of the South African Child Gauge 2017, where Jeff Radebe, the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, will deliver the keynote address. The 12th issue of this annual review of South Africa's children considers how the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals can create enabling environments in which all South Africa's children not only survive, but thrive – and to the benefit of the country's prosperity.

Other speakers include:

- Chairperson of the African Union's Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Benyam Dawit Mezmur;
- UNICEF South Africa Country Representative, Hervé Ludovic de Lys;
- National Planning Commissioner, Christina Nomdo;
- Distinguished Professor and Director of the Department of Science and Technology- National Research Foundation (DST-NRF) Centre of Excellence in Human Development, University of the Witwatersrand, Linda Richter; and
- Senior Researcher, Children's Institute, University of Cape Town and lead editor, Lucy Jamieson.

The South African Child Gauge is published by the Children's Institute at UCT. The launch will be co-hosted with UNICEF South Africa; the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development, University of Witwatersrand; DG Murray Trust; The Standard Bank Tutuwa Community Foundation; and the Programme to Support Pro-poor Policy Development, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.

Media representatives wishing to attend can RSVP [here](#)

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