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This paper will be presented at the Strategies to Overcome Poverty and Inequality Conference to be held at the University of Cape Town from 3 until 7 September 2012. The 2012 conference will focus on understanding the experiences and causes of inequality, and particularly on considering practical strategies – policies and actions – that are aimed at significantly reducing inequality and poverty in both the short- and long-term.

There will be a host of experts in the social, economic, labour and health fields and will include contributions from Trevor Manuel (Minister in the Presidency, National Planning Commission) and Dr Mamphela Ramphele.

School Feeding in South Africa

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In 1994 President Mandela initiated the South African School Feeding Programme to feed needy learners a daily nutritious meal so that they come to school, stay in school and can concentrate on their education. In 2012 the National School Nutrition Programme aims to feed +/- 8 million learners daily, with an annual budget of R5 billion.

There is no shortage of funding, grounding policy and intention to deliver. But the system faces many challenges in ensuring the right meal gets to the right learner at the right time. Addressing the challenges in school feeding can take a range of forms with a particularly interesting lens focusing on trying to work in partnership with the government on a large systemic scale or working from the ground up, one school at a time.
Note to journalists

For full programme visit www.carnegie3.org.za
For accreditation please RSVP kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za or 021 652 5627
Accredited media will have access to all sessions of the conference.

Parking
Plenty of free parking will be available near the venue (on the south side: P5, P4 and P17)

Updates
Key sessions will be recorded and webcasts can be accessed via the conference website or UCT’s youtube site. Daily blogs and links to media reports will also be placed on the conference website.

Conference venues
The main conference will be held in the Leslie Social Science Building on UCT’s upper campus. All evening events will be in the Baxter Theatre on Rondebosch Main Road. (Please note that media wishing to attend the Impumelelo Social Innovation awards ceremony should contact Impumelelo directly at (021) 424 6360 or info@impumelelo.org.za

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