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South Africa and European Union celebrate successful Science and Technology partnership

The Deputy Minister of Science and Technology, Michael Masutha, will address an event at the University of Cape Town on Thursday, 21 November 2013, to showcase projects funded through a science and technology (S&T) partnership between South Africa and the European Union (EU).

The Deputy Minister will be joined by the EU Ambassador to South Africa, Roeland van der Geer, and UCT Vice-Chancellor, Dr Max Price. Researchers including Professors Tim Noakes, Bruce Hewitson, Valerie Mizrahi, Linda-Gail Bekker and Associate Professor Arnaud Malan will present their work in health and climate change, among others.

The event will include a tour of the Emavundleni Clinic in Crossroads which is run by the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre (DTHC), housed in UCT's Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine. The DTHC has partnered with the district health services to provide a series of services including TB/HIV integration at community level, mobile services for HIV, TB and STI screening, among others.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has taken full advantage of the S&T Agreement signed between the South Africa and the EU in 2006, participating in various EU programmes such as the Framework Programme 7 (FP7) and the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP). As a result, South Africa has emerged as one of the most successful participants from outside Europe in FP7, attracting a direct investment of more than R500 million and over R350 million of EDCTP funding.

All media are invited as follows:

Date: Thursday, 21 November 2013

Part 1: Researchers' presentations at the University of Cape Town, New School of Economics Building, Middle Campus

09h00-09h05 Welcome by UCT's Vice-Chancellor, Dr Max Price

09h10-09h20 Professor Valerie Mizrahi – **MM4TB:** More Medicines for Tuberculosis, research consortium assembled to discover anti-infective agents that will combat TB

09:20-09:30 Q and A

09:30-09:40 Professor Tim Noakes – **ICARUS**: International Cooperation for the Advancement of Research on the Underlying System of Human Thermoregulation

09:40-09:50 Q and A

09:50-10:00 Professor Arnaud Malan – **FFAST**: Future Fast Aerolastic Simulation Technologies

10:00-10:10 Q and A

10:10-10:20 Professor Bruce Hewitson – **CLIMAFRICA**: Climate change predictions in Sub-Saharan Africa: impacts and adaptations

10:20-10:30 Q and A

Part 2: Emavundleni Clinic at 14 Sonwabile Road, Crossroads

11:00-11:30 Travel to Emavundleni Clinic

11h30-12h00 Tour of the Emavundleni Clinic

12h10-12h20 Welcome address by Cape Town Mayor, Patricia de Lille

12:20-12:30 Address by Professor Linda-Gail Bekker, Deputy Director, Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation

12:40-12:50 Address by EU Ambassador, Roeland van de Geer

12:50-13:00 Remarks by Deputy Minister of Science and Technology, Michael Masutha

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