



# BUSINESS BREAKFAST

**NETWORKING BREAKFAST: Friday, 8 November 2019** **SPEAKER: UCT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mamokgethi Phakeng** **TOPIC: Transformative leadership confronts the past to shape the future we want.**



**Prof Phakeng** began her term of office as Vice-Chancellor of UCT in 2018, where she was serving as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Internationalisation since 2017. Previously she was Vice Principal for Research and Innovation at Unisa for 5 years, after serving 3 years as Executive Dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. She holds a PhD in Mathematics Education from Wits University and is a highly regarded B1 NRF-rated scientist with over 80 research papers and five edited volumes published. She has been invited to deliver over 40 keynote/plenary talks at international conferences, and as a visiting professor in universities around the world. She has won numerous awards for her research and community work, including the Order of the Baobab conferred on her by the President of South Africa in 2016. **In 2014 CEO magazine named her the most influential woman academic in Africa** and in 2016 she **was awarded the prestigious Businesswoman of the Year Award in the education category**. In 2019 the University of Bristol conferred on her an Honorary Doctorate in Science in recognition of her leadership role in mathematics education in South Africa.

Kgethi, as she is popularly known, is a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa; an honorary member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, honorary life member of the Association for Mathematics Education of South Africa and a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. In 2008 she became the first black South African researcher to be appointed to co-chair a study commissioned by the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction.

She is a board member of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls; a trustee of FirstRand Foundation; South African Student Solidarity Foundation for Education and Pearson Marang Education Trust. In 2016 she was appointed by the then Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa to chair the Human Resource Development Council standing committee on Mathematics and Science Education. She served as member of the board of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, was elected in 2011 as the first woman President of the Convocation of Wits University. She led the Association for Mathematics Education of South Africa as its first woman National President, served as founding chairperson of the Board of the South African Mathematics Foundation and secretary and member of the executive committee of the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education.

**Start Date:** Friday, 8 November 2019 8:00 for 8:15  
**Venue:** Holiday Inn Cape Town, 66 Strand Street, Cape Town, 8001

**End Date:** Friday, 8 November 2019 10:00am  
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