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I would like to invite you to support The University of Cape Town Trust's **Annual Appeal 2017/18** by making a contribution to **Distinguishing UCT**, the campaign to grow UCT's endowment and secure a stable future for the university.

The University of Cape Town has expanded the boundaries of knowledge and shaped lives for almost two hundred years. UCT graduates have gone on to win Nobel prizes and lead at all levels of society all around the world. **UCT is the highest ranked university in Africa (Times Higher Education)**, with several faculties and departments in the top 100.

But much remains to be done. **Distinguishing UCT** is a fundraising campaign to grow the University's endowment and thus provide a permanent source of funding that will enhance UCT's ability to work towards its vision and mission.

My ten year term as Vice-Chancellor comes to an end in June 2018. Over the last decade, UCT has grown in size and stature: there are now over 28,000 students at UCT, and the number of A-rated scientists has increased to 41, more than one-third of South Africa's total. Ground-breaking research institutes have been established, such as the **Future Water Institute** which is addressing issues of water scarcity in South Africa, and the **Neurosciences Institute** which aims to draw together expertise in a wide array of other disciplines to advance our understanding of the brain – and is the only such institute on the African continent.

Other strategic initiatives launched include the **Schools Improvement Initiative** which is making an enormous difference in the township schools around Cape Town, thanks in large part to the generous support it has received from many UK donors. The **African Climate Change and Development Initiative** brings together academics with NGOs, business and government in a knowledge hothouse that co-produces and tests new insights, evidence and innovations that will help solve Africa's climate and development challenges. The **Safety and Violence Initiative** focuses on understanding and intervening in the promotion of safety and the reduction of violence in South Africa.

It is crucial for UCT to seek long-term solutions towards financial stability, particularly in the face of decreasing Government subsidies and the unfeasibility of increased tuition fees. Growing the undesignated endowment will give UCT much-needed flexibility to plan effectively for the future, while bolstering its dual role as provider of world class professionals and role models, and deliverer of key initiatives which address development challenges in South Africa and the continent.

I hope that I will have an opportunity to thank all of you who have made contributions to UCT projects over the last ten years in person, if I have not done so already, during my visit to the UK in May 2018. I will be hosting a Reception at the House of Lords on **17th May 2018** and do hope that you will be able to attend. More details will be sent out soon.

In the meantime, I appeal to you to show your pride in UCT's progress and achievements to date by supporting **Distinguishing UCT** and helping your *alma mater* to maintain its coveted position amongst the world's leading universities. Whatever you can give, as a one-off gift or as a regular gift over the next few years, please make this the year you invest in UCT's future by making a tax deductible pledge through the UCT Trust (UK Registered Charity 803042). If you wish to direct your donation to a specific project you are welcome to indicate this on the enclosed pledge form.

Thank you so much.

Yours sincerely

Dr Max Price
Vice-Chancellor



DISTINGUISHING UCT
The campaign to grow our endowment

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