



# FIRST CALL: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE



*An invitation is extended to all interested parties to contribute to the second*

## Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium

to be held as follows:

**DATE:**  
23-24 May 2017

**VENUE:**  
Ukulinga Research Farm, UKZN, Pietermaritzburg



For more information and to submit intentions to participate, please contact:

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INSPIRING GREATNESS

The theme of **FOOD SECURITY: WHERE TO FROM HERE?** is intended to impress upon our collective conscience the role of agriculture and its related disciplines in the sustainability of food production and security in Africa. Is Food Security more than just food?

If you are interested in current dilemmas for **innovative socio-economic development**, including *health, gender, biotechnology, land issues, postharvest technology, production practices, GIS technology, extension services and more*, we encourage you to participate.

Participants may make use of displays, posters, presentations, sponsorship or attendance to share in our vision of making UKZN research relevant, topical and dynamic in its response to contemporary social and ecological scenarios.

Of particular interest would be the showcasing of relationships between UKZN's College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science and its community and agribusiness partners.

**Guest speakers** include *Dickson Despommier*, Emeritus Professor of Microbiology and Public Health at Columbia University, USA; and *Professor Ben Cousins*, SARChI Chair in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies at the University of the Western Cape.

Please indicate your expression of interest in our symposium by **10 March 2017** for inclusion in a dynamic programme that will include technical, academic, practical and social involvement. The programme includes the Friends of UKZN Agriculture Networking Function on the evening of the 23rd May 2017.

We gratefully acknowledge funding from the Howard Davis Farm Trust in their endeavor to see communities benefit from knowledge integration between higher education institutions and agricultural stakeholders.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please send your details to [cuenod@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:cuenod@ukzn.ac.za) to be included in subsequent communications.

Sincerely,

**Professor Albert Modi,**

Dean and Head of the School of Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences, UKZN

