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WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY

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The Town and Gown Dinner of UKZN celebrates a collaboration between academia, the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry, government and the business sector. Our aim is to create a mutually beneficial working relationship between academia and the wider business community.

Guest speaker

Dr Albert van Jaarsveld

Wednesday, 29 July

17:30 - 22:00

This session is offered free of charge

Venue:

Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry Conference Centre
Chamber Square, Lion Match Office Park
892 Umgeni Road

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More about our guest speaker, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld:

Dr Albert van Jaarsveld is the new Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He assumed duty on 2 February 2015.

Dr van Jaarsveld was until recently Chief Executive Officer of the National Research Foundation. His career in research, teaching and leadership include academic and management positions at:

- The Universities of Pretoria and Stellenbosch as Dean of Science
- Adjunct Professor: Environmental Studies Programme at Dartmouth College, USA
- Vice President
- President and CEO of the National Research Foundation



Dr van Jaarsveld obtained his PhD in Zoology from the University of Pretoria. He pursued a post-doctoral in Conservation Biology and Global Security in Australia and the UK respectively and completed his executive management training at Harvard University. His research work focussed on biodiversity and conservation planning, biodiversity and climate change as well as ecosystem services. He was appointed full Professor at both the Universities of Pretoria and Stellenbosch and has published in excess of 100 primary research papers, including highly cited works in Science and Nature.

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