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SALGA and University of the Western Cape's Dullah Omar Institute to host the first Research Colloquium

SALGA, in partnership with the University of the Western Cape (UWC)'s Dullah Omar Institute (DOI), will host its first research colloquium at the Southern Sun Cape Sun Hotel in Cape Town on 28 – 29 March 2018, 9 am.

Themed "Rethinking Local Government Transformation: Spatial Planning, Robust Governance and Sustainable Financing as tools for developmental local government" the Research Colloquium brings together municipal professionals, policymakers across the public sector, universities, policy institutes, research institutes and other partners in local government.

Professor Nico Steytler of Dullah Omar Institute will deliver a keynote address. Among the speakers expected at the Colloquium is Advocate Kagiso Maphalle from High Court of SA, Professor T Chinyamurindi from Fort Hare University, Professor Kevin Wall from the University of Pretoria, Dr HCA Cloete from the University of Stellenbosch, Professor Mcebisi Ndletyana from the University of Johannesburg and Professor Anel du Plessis from North West University, and Ms Evan Huyssteen from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

The Colloquium presents a platform for researchers and delegates to present and discuss research specific to local government, pursue direct policy impact of their work and exchange ideas for future research.

The two-day colloquium will cover research topics under the following sub-themes:

- Sustainable, Inclusive Economic Growth & Spatial Transformation
- Financial Sustainability of Local Government
- Good Governance and Resilient Municipalities

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Among the familiar topics to be covered is the impact of climate change and associated disasters on infrastructure and municipal assets, unpacking lessons learnt from water crisis, how should the government be responding? The costs of Community Protests on public infrastructure, the case of South African local government, and many others.

Members of the media who wish to attend SALGA Research Colloquium should RSVP on smbambato@salga.org.za

For more information on the SALGA Research Colloquium please visit: www.salga.org.za. Follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/SALGA_Gov and Facebook (www.facebook.com)

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