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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

fourth

Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium

Developing Resilience through Partnerships and Collaboration

DATE:
20-21 August 2019

VENUE:
Ukulinga Research Farm, UKZN, Pietermaritzburg

The theme of **DEVELOPING RESILIENCE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION** is intended to explore the power of partnerships and collaboration between a wide variety of stakeholders for developing resilience in farming systems, particularly those of smallholder farmers that are vulnerable to a number of threats in an increasingly less predictable world.

We encourage you to participate if you are interested in discussions around collaborative efforts to ensure resilience within a wide range of topics, including: Climate change adaptation and mitigation, early warning systems, agrometeorology, hydrology, sustainable food systems, ecological infrastructure, learning and partnerships, extension services, land issues, environmental management/sciences, the role of ICS and big data in agriculture, food and nutrition security (including Dietetics and human nutrition), climate-resilient agricultural practices, reshaping agricultural value chains, technologies for empowering farmers, women and youth, and organisations, as well as the science-policy interface.

We also look forward to sharing good stories about partnerships and building resilience that have transformed lives and communities that will inspire and challenge participants.

Those wanting to participate may do so through 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, and of research linked to Ukulinga Research Farm.

We gratefully acknowledge funding from the Howard Davis Farm Trust in their endeavour to see communities benefit from knowledge integration between higher education institutions and agricultural stakeholders, and also acknowledge partnership with the uMngeni Resilience Project for this year's Symposium.

For inclusion in the programme with an oral presentation or poster display, please submit a 300-word abstract or presentation description to cuenod@ukzn.ac.za by no later than **12 July 2019**. The organisers welcome technical, academic, practical and social involvement.

If you would like to exhibit at the event or be otherwise involved, please provide a description of your planned display/involvement and its relevance to the Symposium theme by 19 July 2019.

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