**Nominations for President of Convocation for the term december 2023 to december 2025**

AGM of Convocation – 7 December 2023

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| Nominee | Nominator | Seconder |
| **Sabakhe Mahlangu** | Evariste Umba | Olivier Kalenga |

Candidate statement / CV:



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| Nominee | Nominator | Seconder |
| **Andrew Matseke** | Sabakhe Mahlangu | Rod Solomons |

 Candidate statement:

*Since graduating from UCT I have gained experience of over thirty years working as an engineer and executive, building infrastructure and growing businesses in South Africa and other markets on the African continent. This experience includes managing an SMME, a subsidiary of a JSE listed company and a state-owned enterprise. I have acquired experience of dealing with a range of stakeholders locally in South Africa and internationally.*

*I have a strong passion for excellence that is based on collaboration, inclusivity and social justice. I have a calm demeanour and ability to sift through the maze to find solutions to complex problems. I will bring these life and business experiences as valuable assets into the UCT Convocation if elected to serve.*

*UCT has in the past few years gone through significant turbulence and requires mature leadership that can resolve problems through interactions with multiple stakeholders and sound decision-making. I believe that I can bring those qualities to Convocation and contribute to its significant role in supporting Council and other structures of UCT in steering the university into a successful and sustainable future.*



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| **Naadiya Moosajee** | Hema Vallabh | Velani Mboweni |

Candidate statement:

*I am an engineer, entrepreneur and ecosystem builder passionate about innovation. I have dedicated my time to support diversity and inclusion in STEM. I have co-founded WomEng while at UCT to support the development of female founders in STEM in 2006 and co-founder and chief innovator at Womhub, an ecosystem builder support talent development, entrepreneurship, innovative spaces and capital in STEM. I have been on think tanks like the World Economic Forum Global Future Council for Gender, Education and the Future of Work. I have served on the B20 Task Forces on education to help government policy directives in education. I have also served the UCT faculty of Engineering by being on the Deans Advisory Council and designed a course to help bridge innovation and research and introduce post graduate engineering students into the world of entrepreneurship. My focus in this role would be to support UCT become more futuristic, and connect with its alumni. I bring a wealth of experience thinking about the future and relevancy of academic institutions and how we leverage technology to increase knowledge and engagement.*

