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Invitation

to the Inaugural Brian O'Connell Visiting Fellows Lecture

Professor Tyrone Pretorius, Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape (UWC), extends a cordial invitation to academics, scholars and members of the public to the Inaugural Brian O'Connell Visiting Fellows Lecture.

UWC has recently received a grant from the Kresge Foundation and the Carnegie Foundation to establish a prestigious Brian O'Connell Visiting Fellowship for Scholars from the African diaspora, in the name of our former Vice-Chancellor in recognition of his contribution to higher education in South Africa. Professor O'Connell served UWC as Rector and Vice-Chancellor for 13 years before retiring at the end of 2014. He also served on a national level in several fora and on higher education committees. The Fellowship is reserved for distinguished scholars from the African diaspora who are working in Africa or in other countries.

**The Inaugural Brian O'Connell Visiting Fellows Lecture will delivered by
Professor Daniel A. M. Egbe of the Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria.**

Date:	30 March 2016
Time:	18h00
Venue:	Library Auditorium, UWC
Title:	"Designing Organic Materials for Optoelectronics and Low Cost Solar Cell Applications - Benefits for Africa"



Professor Egbe's brief curriculum vitae is provided below.

Daniel A. M. EGBE originates from Cameroon. He obtained his BSc in Physics and Chemistry in 1991 at the University of Yaounde Cameroon before moving to Germany in 1992, where he obtained a MSc and PhD in Chemistry in 1995 and 1999, respectively. He completed his "Habilitation" in Organic Chemistry at the same institution in 2006, before spending scientific stays at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research in Mainz, Germany (02/2006-08/2006), at the Technical University of Eindhoven in Holland (2006-2007) and at the Technical University of Chemnitz, Germany (2007-2008). Since 2009, he is member of the Linz Institute for Organic Solar Cells of the Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria. His main research interest is the design of semiconducting materials for optoelectronic applications. He has initiated a series of institutions, the most prominent one being the African Network for Solar Energy (ANSOLE) that he is coordinating since 2011. He has coauthored more than 100 peer-reviewed articles. He speaks more than 5 languages, is married, and is father of 4 children.



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Date: 30th March 2016 • Venue: Library Auditorium

Programme

Programme Director: Executive Assistant to the Rector & Vice-Chancellor and Institutional Planner of the University of the Western Cape, Mr Larry Pokpas

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| 18:00 – 18:10 | Welcome address by the Rector & Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape, Prof Tyrone Pretorius |
| 18:10 – 18:20 | Background to the Brian O'Connell Visiting Fellowship by the Former Rector & Vice-Chancellor, Prof Brian O'Connell |
| 18:20 – 18:30 | Introduction of the Brian O'Connell Visiting Fellow by the SARChI Chair in Nanoelectrochemistry and the University of the Western Cape host, Prof Emmanuel Iwuoha |
| 18:30 – 19:15 | Lecture by Brian O'Connell Visiting Fellow of Johannes Kepler University, Linz in Austria, Prof Daniel A.M. Egbe |
| 19:15 – 19:20 | Vote of thanks by the Executive of Special Projects, Prof Ramesh Bharutham |
| 19:20 – 20:00 | Refreshments |

