

*"Advancing the Legacy of Mama Albertina  
Sisulu through people-centred science and  
technology"*



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## 2018 BUDGET VOTE PROGRAMME



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Department:  
Science and Technology  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



**9 May 2018**

## Programme

9:00 – 10:00 Media briefing, GCIS Imbizo Centre in Parliament

10:00 – 11:00 Ministerial visit to exhibitions

## Lecture by Prof. Murray V Leibbrandt

*Programme Director: Dr Phil Mjwara, Director-General of Science and Technology*

11:00 Introduction by Programme Director

11:05 Welcome by Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, MP  
Minister of Science and Technology

11:10 Introduction of the guest speaker by Programme Director

11:15 Presentation by Prof. Murray V Leibbrandt  
DST-NRF Chair in Poverty and Inequality Research

11:40 Vote of thanks by Ms Lindiwe Maseko  
Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Science and Technology

11:45 Lunch

12:30 Departure

14:00 Budget Vote speech in Parliament

## Prof. Murray V Leibbrandt

Prof. Leibbrandt is the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Poverty and Inequality, at the University of Cape Town. He holds the National Research Foundation-Department of Science and Technology Research Chair in Poverty and Inequality, and is the Director of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit in the University of Cape Town's School of Economics. A Senior Research Fellow of the World Institute for Development Economics and the Institute for Labor Economics, he also serves on the Executive Committee of the International Economic Association.

He is a member, of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and, from 2014-2017, chaired the ASSAf Standing Committee on Science for the Alleviation of Poverty and Inequality. In 1995 and 1996 he served on the President Mandela's Labour Market Commission to Advise on post-apartheid labour market legislation and then, in 2016 and 2017, served on the Deputy President's Advisory Panel on the National Minimum Wage.

His research gathers and uses longitudinal survey data to track South Africans over time in order to analyse the poverty, inequality and labour market dynamics of contemporary South Africa. He is one of the Principal Investigators of the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation's National Income Dynamics Study, a national longitudinal study that, since 2008, has been tracking the unfolding livelihoods of over 28 000 South Africans in order to measure and understand the country's contemporary social mobility patterns. This survey provides a unique perspective on the state of our nation, and has given the policy research community a platform for evaluating the success of government policy in enabling its citizens to forge livelihoods that put them on a positive trajectory, break historical cycles, and give their children better opportunities than they had.

As UCT's Pro Vice Chancellor, Murray Leibbrandt has headed the management team for the Mandela Initiative on Strategies to Overcome Poverty and Inequality. This national initiative started in response to a challenge by Minister Manuel, the then head of the National Planning Commission, for the research, policy and civil society communities to work together, pooling collective knowledge and experience, to find key interventions and approaches needed to overcome South Africa's poverty and inequality. Since 2013, the initiative has been led by a set of policy, business, university and civil society leaders. Many dialogues have been held within communities across the country, grappling with specific topics related to education, health, housing, rural and urban development, the youth, policy and social cohesion. Each dialogue has included an inclusive group of stakeholders appropriate for the issue being tackled. The DST, through the NRF, has directly ensured strong research support for all of this work by constituting within the Mandela Initiative a community of practice of nine of the country's DST-NRF Chairs working on key areas of poverty and inequality. This has highlighted policy priorities. It has also made it clear that overcoming these pernicious legacies is going to require commitment and the engagement of each section of South Africa society, and has provided a strong platform of examples of good practice to be used by the Nelson Mandela Foundation in taking the programme further through broader, national dialogue.