

Mbeki to feature at gala evening

DEPUTY President Thabo Mbeki's speech to the Multi-Event is to cap off an evening of music and celebration. The gala evening is the moment for public celebration of ME99, and the official welcome of local and international guests. Speakers also include vice chancellor of UCT, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, and Bishop Mvume Dandala, president of the South African Council of Churches. A special message to the delegates will be given by Welekazi Sokutu on behalf of the community groups.

Mbeki has in the past underlined the importance of the faith communities in the reconstruction of South African public life. His speech is expected to be of particular importance in addressing the relationship between religion and public life today.