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**UCT London Lecture**

**Professor Alan Hirsch**

***“Africa and the Challenge of Inequality: Enabling African Leadership”***

Professor Alan Hirsch is **Director** of the **Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice at UCT**. He managed industry and technology policy at the South African Department of Trade and Industry from 1995 to 2002, and thereafter moved to the South African Presidency. Here he managed economic policy, represented the Presidency at the G20, and was co-chair of the G20 Development Working Group. Professor Hirsch was the Zambia Country Director with the International Growth Centre for five years, and is currently associated with a range of policy research initiatives, including the European Centre for Development Policy Management where he is a board member. Professor Hirsch writes about economic development issues, including *Season of Hope: Economic Reform under Mandela and Mbeki*, and he co-edited *The Oxford Companion to South African Economics.*

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**Date:** **Thursday 14th September 2017**

**Tickets:**  **£20** [wine and canapés will be served]

**Venue: Bush House, King’s College London, Strand Campus, 30 Aldwych, London, WC2B 4BG**

**Time: 18h30**

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