

## Umeå and Witswatersrand Universities sign Framework for Collaboration

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May the University of Umeå, Umeå, Sweden and the University of Witswatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, entered into a mutual commitment to further strengthen their on-going collaborative relationship. Professor Loyiso Nongxa, Vice-Chancellor of Witswatersrand University and Professor Åsa Bergenheim, Pro-Rektor of Umeå University, signed an agreement to further this collaboration.



Umeå and Witswatersrand have collaborated in the field of population health over the last ten years, with research cooperation based on the Wits School of Public Health with its field site, the Agincourt Health and Demographic Surveillance System in the rural north-east of South Africa, and the Division of Epidemiology and Public Health Science at Umeå, latterly through the Umeå Centre for Global Health Research.

Within this collaboration three faculty from Wits have completed PhD theses in Umeå, with the third one being defended by Mark Collinson during Professor Nongxa's visit, on 15<sup>th</sup> May.