



The importance of science was highlighted in Durban at the weekend as KZN scientists and their local supporters joined the March for Science, part of a global event to increasing awareness about how science addresses various challenges.

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## Scientists march for sustained funding

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LEADING scientists in KwaZulu-Natal from a range of scientific disciplines joined civil societies and local people in a March for Science in Durban on Saturday.

The University of KwaZulu-Natal, the Centre for the Aids Programme of Research in South Africa (Caprisa), the South African Medical

Research Council, Maternal, Adolescent and Child Health Research and the Africa Health Research Institute joined forces in solidarity to highlight the critical importance of sustained and strategic support by governments and funding agencies to advance and promote scientific research and innovation.

“South Africa and indeed sci-

entists from Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, have made remarkable contributions in all spheres of science that have contributed to discoveries and improving and saving lives on the African continent and globally,” said Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim, associate scientific director of Caprisa.

“We all benefit in some way or the other from the products

of science, innovation and technology, but don’t often stop to reflect on how these come to be in society.”

The march formed part of an International March for Science aimed at increasing public awareness about the importance of science in addressing challenges such as climate change, food security and opportunistic diseases.