

## *Beyond The Pandemic: Research Now And In The Future*

The aim of the conference is to bring together young researchers from diverse fields of research to create an interdisciplinary forum, placing an emphasis on the importance of postdoctoral fellows in driving research under the theme

### *Programme*

#### Wednesday 10 November 2021

- 08:00 - 08:30**      **Registration & Welcoming**
- 08:30 - 09:00**      **Welcoming Address:**  
Prof Eugene Cloete  
**DVC: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies**
- 09:00 - 09:45**      **Presentation of the DRD: Postdoctoral Research Support**  
Dr Palesa Natasha Mothapo  
**Head: Postdoctoral Research Support**
- 09:45 - 10:30**      **Keynote Speaker:**  
Prof Sehaam Khan  
*Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken*

**10:30 - 11:00**      **Coffee Break**

#### Session 1

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| <b>11:00 - 12:30</b> | <b>Oral Presentations</b><br><b>Symposium 1:</b><br><b>Water Research</b><br><br><i>Invited speaker:</i><br><b>Dr Inga Jacobs-Mata</b><br><i>Chair: Dr Jeanine Vonkeman</i> | <b>Oral Presentations</b><br><b>Symposium 2:</b><br><b>Business &amp; Economics</b><br><br><i>Invited speaker:</i><br><b>Dr Tinashe Kapuya</b><br><i>Chair: Dr Hannah Muzee</i> |
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**12:30 - 13:00**      **Lunch Break**

**12:30 - 13:00**      **Industry Sponsor Presentations**

<b>13:00 - 13:30</b>	<b>Poster Presentations</b> <b>Session 1</b>	<b>Industry Tables</b>
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**13:30 - 15:00**      **Workshop 1: Design Thinking**  
Alvira Fisher of Launch Lab

**15:00 - 15:30**      **Coffee Break**

#### Session 2

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| <b>15:30 - 17:00</b> | <b>Oral Presentations</b><br><b>Symposium 3:</b><br><b>Law Amidst The Pandemic</b><br><br><i>Invited speaker:</i><br><b>Dr Bradley Slade</b><br><i>Chair: Dr Callixte Kavuro</i> | <b>Oral Presentations</b><br><b>Symposium 4:</b><br><b>Land, Agriculture &amp; Food Security</b><br><br><i>Invited speaker:</i><br><b>Dr Lameck Mwewa</b><br><i>Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken</i> |
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### Thursday 11 November 2021

08:30 - 09:15

#### Keynote:

*Invited Speaker*

**Prof Joel Chigada**

*Chair*

**Dr Tando Maduna**

09:15 - 09:30

Coffee Break

09:30 - 11:00

#### Workshop 2: Branding Yourself

Martyna Scibiorek of Sciencebridge

### Session 3

11:00 - 12:30

#### Oral Presentations

Symposium 5:  
Education,  
Communication and Science

*Invited speaker:*

*Chair: Dr Mel Deist*

#### Oral Presentations

Symposium 6:  
Innovation Leading The Future

*Invited speaker:*

**Steven Mufamadi**

*Chair: Dr Madhu Pahar*

12:30 - 13:00

Lunch Break

12:30 - 13:00

Poster Presentations  
Session 2

Industry Tables

13:00 - 14:00

#### Oral Presentations

Symposium 7:  
Arts and Culture

*Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken*

14:00 - 15:15

#### Workshop 3: Beyond the pandemic as a postdoc

Cheryl Benadie of WholePersonAcademy

15:15 - 15:30

Coffee Break

### Session 4

15:30 - 17:00

#### Oral Presentations

Symposium 8:  
Bacteria & Viruses

*Invited speaker:*

**Prof Mareli Claassens**

*Chair: Dr Taime Sylvester*

#### Oral Presentations

Symposium 9:  
Humanity Amidst The Pandemic

*Invited speaker:*

**Prof Ebenezer Durojaye**

*Chair: Dr Gera de Villiers*

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### Friday 12 November 2021

08:00 - 09:30

**Oral Presentations**  
**Symposium 10:**  
**Exercise, Health & Well-being**  
*Invited speaker:*  
**Prof Christa Janse van Rensburg**  
*Chair: Dr Lovemore Kunorozva*

**Oral Presentations**  
**Symposium 11:**  
**General**  
*Invited speaker:*  
**Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken**

09:30 - 09:40

**Coffee Break**

### African University Day Celebrations

09:40 - 09:50

**Opening & Message from President: Association of African Universities**

09:50 - 10:10

**The Postdoc Career Path Among South African Phd Graduates, 2000–2018**  
**Prof Heidi Prozesky**

10:10 - 11:30

**Higher Education Policy, Partnerships and Strategies for development of Emerging Researchers in Africa**

*Moderators: Dr Nico Elema and Dr Palesa N. Mothapo*

*Panelists:*

**Prof Sarah Howie**

**Mr Bheki Hadebe- Director High-end skills, DSI**

**NRF representative- tbc**

**Prof Adipala Ekwamu, Ruforum**

**Prof Erick Osei-Assibey, University of Ghana**

**Prof Barnabus Nawangwe, VC Makere University tbc**

11:30 - 12:30

**Keynote Address:**

**Dr Richard Munang**

*United Nations Environment Program, Africa Office*

**Africa's Research predicament – a pity-party or a rare opportunity for legacy under the changing climate**

*Chair: Dr Palesa N. Mothapo*

12:30 - 12:40

**Coffee Break**

### Session 5

12:40 - 13:45

**Oral Presentations**  
**Symposium 12:**  
**Research Models**  
*Invited speaker:*  
**Prof Igor Miranda**  
*Chair: Dr Patricia Swart*

**Oral Presentations**  
**Symposium 13:**  
**Non-communicable Diseases**  
*Invited speaker:*  
**Dr Mari van der Vyver**  
*Chair: Dr Matsepo Ramaboli*

13:45 - 14:45

**Lunch Break**

13:45 - 14:45

**Poster Presentations**  
**Session 3**

**Industry Tables**

14:45 - 16:00

**Think Tank: Beyond The Pandemic**

*Moderator: Prof Eugene Cloete*

16:00 - 16:10

**Coffee Break**

### GALA CEREMONY

16:10 - 17:00

**Plenary Lecture**  
**Prof Tulio de Oliveira**

17:00 - 17:40

**Presentation of Awards**  
**Best Presentation Awards**  
**Awarding Of Top20 Awards**  
**Announcement Of Pds Exec 2022**  
**Event Closing Remarks**