

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 - 09:30

Presentation of the DRD: Postdoctoral Research Support

Dr Palesa Natasha Mothapo

Head: Postdoctoral Research Support

09:30 - 10:15

Keynote Speaker:

Prof Sehaam Khan

Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken

10:15 - 10:30

Coffee Break

Session 1

10:30 - 12:00

Oral Presentations

**Symposium 1:
Water Research**

Invited speaker:

Dr Inga Jacobs-Mata

Chair: Dr Jeanine Vonkeman

Oral Presentations

**Symposium 2:
Business & Economics**

Invited speaker:

Dr Tinashe Kapuya

Chair: Dr Hannah Muzee

12:00 - 12:30

Lunch Break

12:30 - 13:00

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Showcasing your research to advance your career:

A “How to” guide for researchers

Dr Klementyna Karlińska-Batres

13:00 - 13:30

Poster Presentations

Session 1

Industry Tables

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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

15:30 - 17:00

Oral Presentations

**Symposium 3:
Law Amidst The Pandemic**

Invited speaker:

Dr Bradley Slade

Chair: Dr Callixte Kavuro

Oral Presentations

**Symposium 4:
Land, Agriculture & Food Security**

Invited speaker:

Dr Lameck Mwewa

Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken

Close of Day

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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: Personal Brand for Scientists**
Dr Martyna Scibiorek Science Bridge

Session 3

11:00 - 12:30 **Oral Presentations**
Symposium 5:
Education,
Communication and Science
Invited speaker:
Dr Marina Joubert
Chair: Dr Mel Deist

Oral Presentations
Symposium 6:
Innovation Leading The Future
Invited speaker:
Steven Mufamadi
Chair: Dr Madhu Pahar

12:30 - 12:45 **Lunch Break**

12:45 - 13:00 **Wimmy (Winning Insights and Models for Marvellous Yields)**
Prof Wim Delva

13:00 - 13:30 **Poster Presentations**
Session 2

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13:30 - 14:30 **Oral Presentations**
Symposium 7:
Arts and Culture
Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken

14:30 - 15:45 **Workshop 3: Beyond the pandemic as a postdoc**
Cheryl Benadie of WholePersonAcademy

15:45 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 4

16:00 - 17:30 **Oral Presentations**
Symposium 8:
Viruses & Bacteria
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 Science
Invited speaker:
Dr Tando Maduna
Chair: Dr Maaïke Eken

09:30 - 09:40

Coffee Break

African University Day Celebrations

09:40 - 09:45

Opening & Message from President: Association of African Universities

09:45 - 10:10

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

10:10 - 11:30

Panel Session: Higher Education Policy, Partnerships and Strategies for development of Emerging Researchers in Africa

Moderators: Dr Nico Elema and Dr Palesa N. Mothapo

Panellists:

Prof Sarah Howie
Director: Africa Centre for Scholarship, Stellenbosch University

Mr Bheki Hadebe
Director: High-end skills, Department of Science and Technology

Prof Davis Mumbengegwi
Head of Multidisciplinary Research, University of Namibia

Prof Eric Osei-Assibey
Dean: International Programmes Office, University of Ghana

Dr Ethel Phiri
Lecturer: Department of Agronomy, Stellenbosch University

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 - 14:00

Whitehead Scientific presentation:
Empowering you with so much more

13:45 - 14:15

Lunch Break

13:45 - 14:15

Poster Presentations
Session 3

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New programmes to support early career researchers through coordinated mentorship and training resources

Prof. Stephanie Burton
Future Africa, University of Pretoria & Research Fellow at USAf

15:00 - 16:20

Think Tank: Beyond The Pandemic
Moderator: Prof Eugene Cloete

16:20 - 16:30

Coffee Break

GALA CEREMONY

16:30 - 17:15

Plenary Lecture
Prof Tulio de Oliveira

17:15 - 17:45

Presentation of Awards and Closing
Best Presentation Awards
Awarding Of Top20 Awards
Thank you from Postdoc Society Chair
Event Closing Remarks