



Science Forum SOUTH AFRICA

Wednesday 09 December 2020 - Opening Session PROGRAMME

14:00	Welcome and opening address by South Africa's Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande
14:20	Special message from the African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, Prof Sarah Anyang Agbor
14:30	Messages of Support from International Partners
15:00	Science Forum South Africa 2020 Lecture: Prof Quarraisha Abdool Karim & Prof Salim Abdool Karim – reflections on their careers devoted to “Science for Social Justice”
15:45	Presentation to of the “500 Years of the Strait of Magellan Award” to Prof Quarraisha Abdool Karim & Prof Salim Abdool Karim by the Chilean Ambassador to South Africa, HE Ambassador Francisco Javier Berguño Hurtado
16:00	Presentation of the Science Forum South Africa 2020 programme on behalf of the HSRC Radical Reason Consortium, Prof Crain Soudien, CEO of the HSRC

End of Opening Session

16:30 - 17:30	HSRC Book Launch: The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa
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Thursday 10 December 2020 - Igniting Conversations about Science
PROGRAMME

09:00 – 10:00

Special SFSA Plenary Debate: The future of trans-disciplinarity in research

Parallel Programmes

10:00 – 11:30

Conversation with Global Thinkers: Sjah Mohan and Achille Mbembe	Influencing Science in Africa through a gendered lens	Promoting diversity and inclusion in Science	Presenting the Pan African Network for economic Analysis of Policies (PANAP)	National Big data hubs & the strategic role of international collaboration	Technology assessment in energy & agricultural sectors in Africa to accelerate progress in STI	Improving work skills & employability: lessons learnt from Europe & South Africa collaboration	Legacy of South Africa's AU Chairship for Science & Innovation
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11:45 – 13:15

Combating Violence Against Women: Advancing Gender & Social Justice	Race and Science: Perspective from the Humanities	Education & social justice: themes, debates & dilemmas in post-apartheid South Africa	Using Earth observation & open geo-information for SDG monitoring & decision making	Advancing careers in the Natural Scientific Professions	Indigenous Knowledge Systems: Flagship for African science	Climate Change: Reflection on Five years of Paris Agreement	Looking into Africa's future: the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the role ICT Education
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13:45 – 15:15

Conversation with Global Thinkers: Boaventura de Sousa Santos & Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni	Open Science and the future of data protection law	Being ALHIV: What do we know about HIV adolescents living in South Africa?(A Youth Dialogue)	Africa-EU cooperation best practices in healthcare & nutrition	Sustainable Business Modelling for Cleantech (Africa – Europe Innovation Partnership)	International Cooperation for Sustainable Development: A South Africa-Norway case (Norway)	Open science: Future of Science, Science of the Future	The ethics of intervening in the lives of substance users
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15:30 – 17:00

African Philosophies and Histories of Technology: Global Narratives of Artificial Intelligence	Presenting the South Africa COVID-19 Country Report	Integrating Gender across Sustainable Development Goals research in South Africa	Smart specialization policies for green industrial & territorial transformations in Sub-Saharan Africa: evidence gaps & institutional requirements	Sustainable innovation policy: Building back greener: opportunities across the board	Building Capacity for an African Platform for Science Advisors	Technology Transfer from Academia to Industry	Transformative Innovation Policy Consortium: Building a community of practice in Southern Africa
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Evening Programme

17:30

Conversations with Global Thinkers: Homi Bhabha and Premesh Lalu

18:30 – 19:30

HSRC Book Launch: Rock, Water, Life: Ecology and Humanities for a De-colonial South Africa



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Friday 11 December 2020 - Continued Conversations about Science
PROGRAMME

Parallel Programmes

09:00 to 10:30

Research Excellence, Peer Review and Epistemic Justice	South Africa – China Science Park Cooperation	African Platform for Science Advisors: Developing COVID-19 policy responses	South Africa – Ireland Technology Development Fund	Showcase for African science: Agricultural Technology	Strengthening Africa's medicine manufacturing capacities	Water quality & health research, development, & innovation excellence & partnership in the Indian Ocean region	Promoting international student & researcher mobility
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Closing Session

11:00	SFSA Closing Plenary Debate with the South African Affiliate Centre of the World Economic Forum's Centre for the Fourth Industrial Research: Disruptive Technology: Narrowing or Widening Inequality
12:15	Reflections on SFSA 2020, preparing for South Africa's hosting of the World Science Forum (SFSA 2021 Rapporteur, and response by World Science Forum Steering Committee Members
12:45	Closing address by South Africa's Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Mr Buti Manamela
13:00	Conclusion of SFSA 2020