



The European Commission's joint Research Centre Technology and Democracy:

Understanding the influence of online technologies on political behaviour and decision-making

08 December 2023 || 09h00-10h30

Venue: Diamond Auditorium

Duration: 90 minutes

Programme

Session Moderator: Ms Bongwiwe Moni

Head: External Capacity Development & Internships, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

09h00-09h15 **Session Overview**

Ms Bongwiwe Moni

09h15-10h00 **Panel Discussion**

Discuss the role of communication technologies in influencing public opinion and political behaviour

Ms. Laura Smillie, Project Leader of the European Commission's Enlightenment 2.0 research programme.

Explore the role of technology in shaping public health narratives and policies

Dr. Palesa Sekhejane, Executive Head AISA (acting), Human Sciences

Explore the role of technology in shaping African soft power politics and the political representation of women

Prof. Christopher Isike, Professor of African Politics and International Relations and Head, Department of Political Sciences University of Pretoria.

Discuss the role of technology in economic empowerment, especially within the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Mr. Langa Zulu, Chief Creative Officer at AlgoAtWork Robotics Academy.

10h00-10h20 Interactive Q&A Session

10h20-10h30 Closing remarks