

# U'GOOD!?

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## A research programme centering young people and relational wellbeing in the Global South

The National Research Foundation (South Africa), the Fondation Botnar (Switzerland), and the Human Sciences Research Council (South Africa) have partnered to implement a research programme on young people and relational wellbeing (RWB) in urban and peri-urban environments in the Global South, to be implemented during 2023-2027. This programme, called u'Good!?, aims to test and further develop relational approaches to wellbeing (RWB); and generate empirical insights into key contemporary challenges to young people's wellbeing and how they are addressing these. Through the adoption of an RWB framework, u'Good!? embraces people-centred, collaborative and participatory approaches to conducting research to generate insights into how the relational aspect of multiple domains may make contributions to wellbeing. The u'Good!? programme will be launched at Science Forum South Africa (SFSA) on **8 December in track 9 entitled Science for Social Justice from 9:00–10:30.**

To find out more please visit the SFSA website here: <https://www.sfsa.co.za/programme/#toggle-id-69> or find out more about the programme at <https://www.nrf.ac.za/ugood/>



Science Forum South Africa 2023  
"Igniting conversations about science 2023"

**8 December 2023 || 09:00 - 10:30**

**Venue:**  
CSIR ICC

**Hosted by:**  
Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

### Programme:

**Moderator:** Dr Sepo Hachigonta, Acting Executive Director, Business Advancement, National Research Foundation

#### 9:00-9:30 Launch of u'GOOD

- Dr Fulufhelo Nelwamondo, CEO, National Research Foundation, South Africa
- Dr Aline Cossy-Gantner, Chief Development Officer, Fondation Botnar
- Prof Leickness Simbayi, Deputy CEO, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa

#### 9:30-10:20 Panel discussion on studying the youth wellbeing in the Global South (*includes discussion with participants*)

- Prof. Sharlene Swartz, Divisional Executive, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa
- Roshni Nuggehalli, Executive Director, YUVA, India
- Prof. Mariano Rojas, Professor of Economics, Tecnológico Nacional de México.
- Respondent: Thandiwe Matthews, Lawyer and PhD Student, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

**10:20-10:30 Closing remarks by Dr Gugu Moche, Deputy CEO: RIISA, National Research Foundation, South Africa**