



# Africa-Europe Symposium on Research Infrastructures

#AfricaEURResearchInfra

Virtual partnering event

## 1 February 2021

- \*10:00 Welcome of participants
- 10:10 EU international cooperation through RIs  
*Fadila Boughanemi* – Deputy Head of Unit responsible for International Cooperation with Africa, Asia and Middle East, European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
- 10:30 Introduction to the RI-VIS project  
*Susan Daenke* – Coordinator of the RI-VIS project, Instruct-ERIC
- 10:50 Research Infrastructure landscapes
- South Africa Research Infrastructure Roadmap** – *Daniel Adams*, Chief Director: Basic Sciences and Infrastructure, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa
- ESFRI Roadmap** – *Yannis Ioannidis*, Vice-Chair of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)
- Africa-Europe Research and Innovation Cooperation** – *Mariella Di Ciommo*, Policy Officer in the European External Affairs programme at the European Centre for Development (ECDPM)
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 Expanding African-European partnerships -  
New Opportunities and Synergies - Part 1
- Synchrotron Techniques for African Research and Technology (START)** – *Trevor Sewell*, University of Cape Town, South Africa; and National Coordinator of the bioscience component of START
- The European Research Infrastructure in Chemical Biology and Early Drug Discovery (EU-OPENSREEN)** – *Bahne Stechmann*, EU-OPENSREEN ERIC
- The European Research Infrastructure on Highly Pathogenic Agents (ERINHA)** – *Hervé Raoul*, ERINHA
- The Square Kilometre Array (SKA)** – *Carla Sharpe*, SKA/VLBI
- Taita Research Station of the University of Helsinki, Taita Taveta County, Kenya** – *Petri Pellikka*, University of Helsinki, Institute for Atmospheric and Earth System Research (INAR)
- The South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS)** – *Ben Roberts*, Coordinator of South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS), HRSC
- 14:30 Panel discussion: Opportunities for  
African-European collaborations between  
Research Infrastructures
- Daniel Adams*, Chief Director: Basic Sciences and Infrastructure, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa  
*Yannis Ioannidis*, Vice-Chair of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)  
*Trevor Sewell*, University of Cape Town  
*Mariella Di Ciommo*, Policy Officer in the European External Affairs programme at the European Centre for Development (ECDPM)
- 15:45 Conclusions from Day 1
- 16:00 Networking session on “Wonder”

\*Times are given in SAST = GMT + 2 = CET + 1

## 2 February 2021

- \*10:00 African-European collaborations within  
global Research Infrastructures
- African European Radio Astronomy Platform (AERAP)** – *Declan Kirrane*, Coordinator of AERAP
- The Bridging Biobanking and Biomedical Research Across Europe and Africa (B3Africa) project and the European research infrastructure for biobanking (BBMRI)** – *Akin Abayomi*, University of Stellenbosch
- The Clinical Research Initiative for Global Health (CRIGH) and the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN)** – *Golbahar Pahlavan*, European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN)
- World Federation of Culture Collections and the Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure (MIRRI)** – *Philippe Desmeth*, BELSPO
- Global-BiImaging and South Africa BiImaging** – *Ben Loos*, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- The SEACRIFOG (Supporting EU-African Cooperation on Research Infrastructures for Food Security and Greenhouse Gas Observations) project: EU-African Cooperation on RIs for Food Security and Greenhouse Gas Observations** – *Mylène Ndisi*, Université Clermont Auvergne, France
- 11:30 Expanding African-European partnerships -  
New Opportunities and Synergies - Part 2
- The perspective of an intergovernmental agency on how to collaborate with Research Infrastructures** – *Zisis Kozlakidis*, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)/ World Health Organization (WHO)
- CGIAR: Global Partnerships in agricultural research and food-security** – *Michael T. Abberton* – International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), CGIAR, Ibadan, Nigeria
- Strategic African Initiatives: The African Laser Centre (ALC) and the African Light Source (AFLS)** – *Sekazi Mtingwa*, Co-Founder of the African Laser Centre and the African Light Source Foundation, and TriSEED Consultants, USA
- INFRAFRONTIER and the International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium (IMPC)** – *Asrar Ali Khan*, INFRAFRONTIER, Munich, Germany
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 Panel discussion: Future of Africa-Europe  
Research Infrastructure Collaborations
- Daniel Adams*, Chief Director: Basic Sciences and Infrastructure, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa  
*Golbahar Pahlavan*, European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN)  
*Richard Gordon*, Executive Director: Grants Innovation and Product Development, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)  
*Johannes Klumpers*, Head of the Unit ‘Research and Industrial Infrastructures’, European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
- 15:30 Conclusions from the Africa-Europe  
Symposium and Closing Remarks
- 16:00 Informal networking

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