Inaugural African Student Leaders Network Summit

"Umoja"

Date: 10 – 11 June 2021

Time: 08:30 – 09:00 CAT GMT+2 (Virtual onboarding)

Venue: Online

Summit objectives:

- To bring students together across the continent to discuss African leadership issues and the leadership response to COVID-19.

- To encourage collaboration for African solutions among student leaders from African universities.

- To promote good governance and ethical leadership among student leaders.

- To use digital platforms as a tool to connect student leaders in Africa to share ideas, information, and research for the development of Africa.

- To align the work of the African Student Leaders Network with the African Union Agenda 2063.

	Day 1: 10 June 2021	
09:00 – 09:10	**Master of Ceremony** Mr Anele Mdepa, Manager: Student Governance, Stellenbosch University	
09:10 – 09:15	Performance	African Union Anthem
09:15 – 09:25	Welcoming	Prof Wim de Villiers, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Stellenbosch University
09:25 – 09:35	Introduction and Context	Prof Deresh Ramjugernath, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Learning and Teaching, Stellenbosch University

09:35 – 09:50	Guest Speaker Theme 1: COVID-19: Lessons learned in the African Higher Education Sector and the Global Community	Prof Folasade Ogunsola, Prof of Medical Microbiology and Chair of Infection Control Africa Network, University of Lagos
09:50 – 10:05	**Insights and perspectives with the audience** Moderator: Mr Anele Mdepa, Manager: Student Governance, Stellenbosch University	
10:05 – 10:10	Performance	Stellenbosch University Choir
10:10 – 10:50	**Theme 2**: Reflections and insights from the African Universities: Complexities and opportunities presented by COVID-19 in Higher Education and broader society across the African continent	**Moderator:** Dr Yetunde Zaid, University Librarian – Reader in Library Studies, University of Lagos Prof Hester Klopper, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Strategy and Internationalisation, Stellenbosch University Mr Xola Njengele, Chairperson: Students' Representative Council, Stellenbosch University Ms Aphiwe Ntlemeza, Student Leader, University Fort Hare
10:50 – 11:00	**Q & A** Moderator: Dr Yetunde Zaid, University Librarian– Reader in Library Studies, University of Lagos	
11:00 – 11:10	Coffee Break	
	Master of Ceremony Mr Werner de Wit, Programme Manager: Short Programmes, Summer Schools and Affiliates, Stellenbosch University	
11:10 – 11:50	**Theme 3:** Student Governance best practices during our modern era: A case study from African higher education institutions and student leaders	**Moderator:** Ms Tonia Overmeyer, Dean of Students, Stellenbosch University Dr Choice Makhetha, Senior Director: Student Affairs, Stellenbosch University Ms Kristin Arends, Chairperson: Tygerberg Student Council, Stellenbosch University Mr Sipiwo Tulisile Ngcenge, President: Students' Representative Council, University of Fort Hare

11:50 – 12:00	**Q & A**	
	Moderator: Ms Tonia Overmeyer, Dean of Students, Stellenbosch University	
12:00 – 12:40	**Theme 4:** Digital divide: What does online learning mean for African universities?	**Moderator:** Ms Tshiamo Ngcobo, Vice-Chairperson: Tygerberg Student Council, Stellenbosch University
		Dr Antoinette van der Merwe, Senior Director: Learning and Teaching Enhancement, Stellenbosch University
		Mr Jarryd Luyt, Chairperson: Academic Affairs Council, Stellenbosch University
		Prof Obinna Chukwu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Management Services, University of Lagos
12:40 – 12:50	**Q & A**	
	Moderator: Ms Tshiamo Ngcobo, Vice-Chairperson: Tygerberg Student Council, Stellenbosch University	
12:50 – 13:20	Lunch break	
	Master of Ceremony	
	Ms Kira Alberts, Vice-Chairperson: Students' Representative Council, Stellenbosch University	
13:20 – 14:05	**Panel discussion** **Theme 5:** Student perspectives on the role of African Union in advancing student leadership on the African continent post COVID-19 pandemic	**Moderator:** Dr Nico Elema, Manager: Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University
		Mr Bongani Ozios Moyo, Student leader, University Fort Hare
		Mr Johannes Kambala, Vice-President: Students' Representative Council, University of Namibia
		Mr Jaiyesimi Oluwaseyifunmi Moses, Student Leader, University of Lagos
		Ms Mbali Mkhonza, Chairperson: Tygerberg Post Graduate Student Council, Stellenbosch University

14:05 – 14:20	**Discussions**
	Dr Nico Elema, Manager: Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University
14:20 – 14:30	**Q & A**
	Dr Nico Elema, Manager: Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University
14:30 – 15:00	**Reflection session**
	Facilitator: Ms Kira Alberts, Vice-Chairperson: Students' Representative Council, Stellenbosch University
	Panel
	Ms Leah Chifamba, Tygerberg Post Graduate Student Council International, Stellenbosch University
	Ms Sharon Johnson, Student leader, Strathmore University
	Mr Sandiso Mbulawa, Academic Officer: Students' Representative Council, University of Fort Hare
15:00 – 15:05	**Vote of thanks**
	Dr Choice Makhetha, Senior Director: Student Affairs, Stellenbosch University
DAY 2: 11 June 2021	
09:00 – 09:10	**Reconnection**
	MC: Dr Nico Elema, Manager: Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University
09:10 – 09:50	**Theme 6:** Ethical Leadership and Good Governance: What lessons can we learn from the members of the African Union in pursuing AU 2063 Goals?	**Moderator:** Prof Abigail Ndisika-Ogwezzy, Former HOD of Mass Communication, University of Lagos
		Prof Thuli Madonsela, Law Faculty Trust Chair in Social Justice, Stellenbosch University
		Prof Ayo Atsenuwa, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Development Services, University of Lagos
		Ms Sumaiya Abdikadir, PR Executive: Student Council, Strathmore University
09:50 – 10:00	**Q &A**
	Prof Abigail Ndisika-Ogwezzy, Former HOD of Mass Communication, University of Lagos

10:00 – 10:40	**Theme 7:** Modernizing student leadership in a truly African way by Africans for Africa underpinned by the philosophy and ethos of Ubuntu because 'we are because you are'.	**Moderator:** Mr Melt Hugo, Student Leader, Stellenbosch University
		Prof Jonathan Jansen, Distinguished Professor in the Faculty of Education, Stellenbosch University
		Ms Kira Alberts, Vice-Chairperson: Students' Representative Council, Stellenbosch University,
		Mr Ian Kiiru, Student Council Senate Member, Strathmore University
10:40 – 10:50	**Q &A** Mr Melt Hugo, Student leader, Stellenbosch University	
10:50 – 11:20	**Breakaway session** (Student Leaders)	
	Master of Ceremony Ms Sarah Kayembe, Manager: Students' Representative Council International, Stellenbosch University	
11:20 – 12:00	**Theme 8:** Technology and Innovation: The role of the African youth in driving socio-economic development in Africa.	**Moderator:** Prof Grace Ottinwa, Director: Quality Assurance, and SERVICOM, University of Lagos
		Prof Eugene Cloete, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University
		Mr Anele Mdepa, Manager: Student Governance, Stellenbosch University
		Dr Victor Odumuyiwa, Director: Centre for Information Technology Services, University of Lagos
		Prof Chris Friedrich, University of Applied Sciences, Giessen and Adjunct Professor, Bahir Dar University
12:00 – 12:30	**Breakaway session** (Student Leaders)	

12:30 – 13:00	**Plenary**
	MC: Ms Sarah Kayembe, Manager: Students' Representative Council International, Stellenbosch University
	Ms Dharshana Moodliar, Student Leader, Stellenbosch University
13:00 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:00	**Way forward**
	Mr Xola Njengele, Chairperson: Students' Representative Council, Stellenbosch University
14:00 – 14:10	**Monitoring and Evaluation of the Initiative**
	Ms Zimbili Sibiya, PhD Candidate, Forest Operations, Stellenbosch University
14:10 – 14:15	**Vote of thanks**
	Dr Nico Elema, Manager: Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University