

## Africa - Europe Clusters of Research Excellence Conference

29 September - 2 October 2024

Stellenbosch University

Programme: 28 September 2024

Sunday, 29 September 2024	
Arrival of delegates	
From 17:15	Transfers from accommodations for welcome dinner (pickup from accommodation as per confirmation for airport transfer)
18:00 - 21:00	<p>Welcome dinner at <a href="#">La Pineta Restaurant</a> (informal)</p> <p><b>Host and Programme Director:</b> Professor Hester Klopper, DVC Strategy, Global and Corporate Affairs, Stellenbosch University</p> <p><b>Welcome Messages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stellenbosch University</b> - Dr Nicky Newton-King, Chair: Stellenbosch University Council</li> <li>• <b>African Research University Alliance (ARUA)</b> - Professor Sizwe Mabizela: Chair of ARUA and Vice-Chancellor: Rhodes University</li> <li>• <b>The GUILD</b> - Professor Anders Hagfeldt: Chair of The Guild and Vice-Chancellor: Uppsala University</li> </ul> <p><b>Vote of thanks:</b></p> <p>Professor Sibusiso Moyo: DVC Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University</p> <p>Entertainment provided by JKM Sounds and Lokxion Foundation</p>
From 20:45	Transport from venue to accommodation
Monday, 30 September 2024	
From 07:30	Transfers from accommodation to STIAS
08:15 - 08:55	<p><a href="#">STIAS</a> - Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study</p> <p>Arrival and Registration</p>

**Monday, 30 September 2024**

09:00 - 09:30	<p><b><u>Plenary Session 1</u></b></p> <p><b>Official Welcome and Context Setting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stellenbosch University, South Africa</b> - Professor Wim de Villiers: Rector and Vice-Chancellor</li> <li>• <b>African Research University Alliance (ARUA)</b> - Professor John Gyapong: Secretary-General</li> <li>• <b>The GUILD</b> - Professor Jan Palmowski: Secretary General.</li> </ul> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Prof Sibusiso Moyo: DVC Research, Innovation &amp; Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University</p>
09:30 - 10:15	<p><b><u>Plenary Session 2</u></b></p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Africa-Europe Partnerships: Advancing Equity, Impact and Capacity Building through the Africa-Europe Clusters of Research Excellence</b></p> <p>Professor Funmi Olonisakin, Vice President: International, Engagement and Service, King's College</p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Prof Jan Palmowski, Secretary General, The Guild</p>
10:15 - 10:45	Tea Break
10:45 - 12:30	<p><b><u>Plenary Session 3</u></b></p> <p><b>Cluster Presentations</b></p> <p><b>Session Facilitators:</b> Professor John Gyapong, Secretary-General, ARUA Prof Jan Palmowski, Secretary General, The Guild</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Photo Session & Lunch
14:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Parallel session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Breakaway session 1 for Clusters - STIAS and on campus venues</b></li> <li>➤ <b>ARUA/The Guild Steering Committee Meeting - SU Council Chambers</b></li> </ul>

<b>Breakaway Session 1 for Clusters</b>	
13:15	Transfer for cluster meetings from STIAS to SU campus
13:45/14:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Venue:</b> Meeting rooms at STIAS and on campus</p> <p><b>CoRE individual group meeting and workshops facilitated by Co-Leads to ensure priorities for the Cluster are planned in an equitable manner</b></p> <p><b>Session Facilitators:</b> Cluster Co-Leads</p>
1.01 Translational Research in infection, Immunity and Inflammation	STIAS Breakaway 1
1.03 Health, Gender and Sexualities	STIAS Board Room
1.04 Multimorbidity	STIAS SACEMA Board Room
1.06 Genomics for Health in Africa	STIAS Fellows Seminar Room
1.07 Food Environment Actions for the Promotion of Health	On-line meeting
1.10 Non-Communicable Diseases and Multimorbidity (NCDMM)	STIAS Auditorium 1
2.03 Sustainable Water and Land Resource Management for Human Well-being	STIAS Breakaway 2
2.04 Water Resources Management	STIAS Manor House Lounge
3.01 Sustainable Food Systems	STIAS Manor House Library
3.02 Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Theoretical and Computational Thinking	STIAS Auditorium 2
Cluster members in the following clusters, will be transferred to the venues, then back to STIAS afterwards for the transfer to their accommodations	
1.02 Migration and Health	KROTOA Crossley Room
1.05 Preparedness and Response to Pandemics and Shocks	KROTOA CREST Green Room
1.08 Advanced Infectious Diseases Research and Training	KROTOA DRD Meeting 2039
2.01 Nature based solutions for climate adaptation and mitigation	Science 2039
2.02 Renewable Energy	Engineering K422
3.03 Engineering for the Future	Engineering 4036
3.04 Creative Economies	Old Conserve 1003
4.02 Politics of Sustainable Development	KROTOA CREST 4043
4.03 Inequalities	Schumann 715
4.04 Interdisciplinary Peace Research	KROTOA CREST 4045
16:30/45	Transfers from STIAS to accommodation
<b>ARUA/The Guild Steering Committee Meeting</b>	
13:30	Transfer from STIAS to SU Council Chambers
14:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Venue:</b> Council Chambers, Administration B, Victoria Street</p> <p><b>Co-Chairs:</b></p> <p>Professor John Gyapong, Secretary-General, ARUA Prof Jan Palmowski, Secretary General, The Guild</p>
16:30	Transfer to accommodation
LIMITED BREAK BETWEEN TRANSFERS	

From 17:30	Transfers from accommodation to Conference Dinner
18:30 - 21:00	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Webersburg Wine Estate</u></a></p> <p><b>Hosted by Stellenbosch University</b></p> <p><b>Welcome remarks:</b> Prof Wim de Villiers, Rector and Vice-Chancellor</p> <p><b>Vote of thanks:</b></p> <p><b>African Research University Alliance (ARUA)</b> - Professor Sizwe Mabizela: Chair of ARUA and Vice-Chancellor (Rhodes University)</p> <p><b>The GUILD</b> - Professor Anders Hagfeldt: Chair of The Guild and Vice-Chancellor (Uppsala University)</p> <p>Entertainment provided by Just Friends Duo</p>
From 21:00	Transfers from Webersburg to accommodation

**Tuesday, 1 October 2024**

08:00	Transfers from accommodation to STIAS
08:30 - 08:55	Arrival
09:00 - 09:45	<p><a href="#">Plenary Session 4a</a></p> <p><b>Keynote Address:</b></p> <p><b>Social Justice and Transdisciplinary Research: Why Collaborate?</b></p> <p>Professor Thuli Madonsela: Director of the Center for Social Justice and Chair for Social Justice and founder of the Thuma Foundation for Democracy Leadership and Literacy.</p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Professor John Gyapong, Secretary-General, ARUA</p>
09:45 - 10:15	<p><a href="#">Plenary Session 4b</a></p> <p><b>Keynote Address:</b></p> <p><b>The South African Science and Innovation Landscape</b></p> <p>Mr Daan du Toit, Acting Director General, SA Department of Science and Innovation.</p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Dr Heide Hackmann, Chair in Science Futures, Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST), Stellenbosch University</p>
10:15 - 10:45	Tea Break
10:45 - 12:00	<p><a href="#">Plenary Session 5</a></p> <p><b>Research grants and opportunities session (hybrid session).</b></p> <p>Sean Rowlands, Senior Policy Officer, The Guild</p>
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch
12:45	Transfers from STIAS to cluster meetings on campus
13:00 - 15:00	<p><b>Breakaway Session 2</b></p> <p>CoRE Individual group meetings continue</p> <p>All at STIAS and on campus</p>
15:00	Transfers from on-campus cluster meetings back to STIAS
15:00 - 15:30	Break

15:30 - 18:40	<b>Breakaway Session 3</b> Parallel Sessions for CoREs. See Draft Outline in Addendum at end of programme.
Evening	Free evening for conference delegates.
<b>Wednesday, 2 October 2024</b>	
07:30	Transfers from accommodation to STIAS
08:00 - 08:25	Arrival
08:30 - 10:15	<p><a href="#"><u>Plenary Session 6</u></a></p> <p><b>CoRE Conclusions and Feedback.</b></p> <p><b>Session Conclusion Remarks by:</b></p> <p><b>ARUA:</b> Prof John Gyapong, Secretary-General, ARUA</p> <p><b>The Guild:</b> Prof Jan Palmowski, Secretary General, The Guild</p> <p><b>Stellenbosch University:</b> Prof Wim de Villiers, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Stellenbosch University</p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Prof Hester Klopper, DVC: Strategy, Global and Corporate Affairs</p>
10:15 - 10:45	Tea break
10:45 - 12:15	<p><a href="#"><u>Plenary Session 7</u></a></p> <p><b>Policy Roundtable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Laurent Bochereau</b> - Delegation of the European Union to the African Union.</li> <li>• <b>Botho Kebabonye Bayendi</b> - Director Strategic Planning and Delivery African Union Commission.</li> <li>• <b>Aidan Darker</b> - Director of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office.</li> <li>• <b>Dr Fulufhelo Nelwamondo</b> - CEO National Research Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <p><b>The Guild</b></p> <p><b>Professor Anders Hagfeldt:</b> Chair of The Guild and Vice-Chancellor (Uppsala University)</p>

	<p><b>Professor Funmi Olonisakin</b>, Vice President, International, Engagement and Service, King’s College, UK</p> <p><b>ARUA</b></p> <p><b>Prof Oluyemisi Bamgbose</b>, DVC: Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, University of Ibadan, Nigeria</p> <p><b>Prof John Gyapong</b>: Secretary-General, ARUA</p> <p><b>Session Co-Chairs:</b></p> <p><b>Prof Jan Palmowski</b>, Secretary General, The Guild  <b>Prof Sibusiso Moyo</b>, DVC: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University</p>
12:15-12:45	<p><a href="#"><u>Closing Plenary</u></a></p> <p><b>Concluding Remarks:</b>  <b>ARUA and The Guild Secretary Generals</b></p>
12:45 - 15:00	<p>Lunch and Networking</p> <p>Entertainment provided by Just Friends Duo and Lokxion Foundation</p>
15:00	<p>Transfers back to accommodation</p>

**28 September 2024**

Hosted by

## ADDENDUM:

### Draft Outline – Parallel Cluster Sessions

The purpose of these sessions is to enable members of our Clusters to learn about, and engage with, colleagues from other clusters, and to explore avenues for collaboration. Colleagues can choose any of the parallel sessions they are interested in, and we request each Cluster presenting itself to allow maximum time for interaction, ideas, and collaboration.

For those presenting their Cluster in their session, we ask that you present your Cluster’s ambitions to an academic, non-specialist audience, and identify input from other Clusters that could be helpful to you (10-12 min, followed by between 28-30 min discussion). All sessions must end promptly after 40 minutes, to allow the next session to start.

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
15.30 – 16.10	Infectious Diseases	Health, Gender, Sexuality	Renewable Energy	Sustainable Food Systems	Inequalities, Poverty, Deprivation
16.20 – 17.00	Multimorbidity	Food Environment Actions	Water Resources Management	Artificial Intelligence	Migration and Health
17.10 – 17.50	Infection, Immunity, inflammation	Genomics for Health	Nature-based solutions	Creative Economies	Politics of Sustainable Development
18.00 – 18.40	NCDs	Pandemics and Shocks	Sustainable Water	Engineering for the Future	Capacities for Peace

### Note:

This is a draft outline: final sessions will be confirmed shortly ahead of the Conference, once we have a clearer sense of final numbers of Clusters attending.

If you wish to present together with another Cluster, do let us know: [sean.rowlands@the-guild.eu](mailto:sean.rowlands@the-guild.eu) and [aalloye@arua.org.za](mailto:aalloye@arua.org.za)