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**Draft Agenda**

**AERAP Virtual Conference**

***A new era for Africa-EU Science and Innovation Partnerships***

**Africa Horizon Europe and Development Cooperation**

**9-10 September 2020**

# Wednesday 9 September 2020

**08h30 Media Briefing**

**09h00** Opening Plenary**: AERAP: a Vision for Future Africa-EU Science Cooperation**

[Mariya Gabriel](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/gabriel_en)*, European* *Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth*

[Barry Andrews](https://www.linkedin.com/in/barryandrewsgoal/) MEP

[Karina Angelieva](https://www.linkedin.com/in/karina-angelieva-9b9473170/) *Deputy Science Minister, Bulgaria*

[Koen Doens](https://ec.europa.eu/info/persons/koen-doens_en) *Director-General, International Cooperation and Development, European Commission*

 Phil Mjwara *Director-General: Science and Technology*

[Mahama Ouedraogo](http://gmes4africa.blogspot.com/p/contacts.html) *Director of Human Resources, Science and Technology Department, African Union Commission*

[Jamal Mimouni](https://www.africanastronomicalsociety.org/officers/jamal-mimouni/) *University of Constantine 1, Algeria; President AfAS, African Astronomical Society*

[Kurt Zatloukal](https://forschung.medunigraz.at/fodok/suchen.person_uebersicht?sprache_in=en&menue_id_in=101&id_in=90075196) *Professor of Pathology, Medical University Graz, Director-General BBMRI Austria Node*

[Mario Cervantes](https://www.oecd.org/sti/Biographies_KT_Final_22sept.2016.pdf) OECD

[Doreen Bogden-Martin](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/bdt-director/Pages/Biography.aspx) UN ITU

**10h00** Special Session**: COVID–19: Africa-EU cooperation and response**

[Robert Eiss](https://www.fic.nih.gov/About/Advisory/Pages/bio-eiss.aspx) *Senior Advisor to Fogarty International Director, Dr Roger I. Glass, National Institutes of Health, USA*

[Glenda Gray](https://www.linkedin.com/in/glenda-gray-0bb25a13b/) *President and CEO, South Africa Medical Research Council*

[James Kasigwa](https://www.linkedin.com/in/james-kasigwa-1378307/), *Chair of the African Union-European Union High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science and Technology*

[Michael Makanga](https://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-makanga-8967217/), *Executive Director, European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)*

**10h45** Special Session: **Radio Astronomy makes big data for big science**

[Chiara Ferrari](https://www.linkedin.com/in/chiara-ferrari-55295061/) *Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur*

[Fernando Camilo](https://www.idia.ac.za/dr-fernando-camilo/) *Chief scientist at the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory*

[Phil Diamond](https://www.linkedin.com/in/philip-diamond-7a04b713b/) *Director-General, SKA Organization*

11h30 Special Session **Building Back Better**

[David McNair](https://www.one.org/us/person/david-mcnair/) *Executive Director for Global Policy ONE (Keynote)*

[Daan Du Toit](https://www.linkedin.com/in/daan-du-toit-4006554/) *DDG: International Cooperation and Resources Department of Science and Innovation South Africa*

 [Paul Ruebig](https://www.linkedin.com/in/paulr3/) *Member, EIT Governing Board*

**12h30 Parallel Sessions**

* + **Digital Futures**

[Happy Sithole](https://www.linkedin.com/in/happy-sithole-9b34a58/) *CSIR South Africa*

[Domingos Barbosa](https://www.linkedin.com/in/domingos-barbosa-615a271a/) *Instituto de Telecomunicações Portugal*

**Inclusiveness and Women in Science**

* + - [Zeinab Osman](https://www.linkedin.com/in/zeinab-osman-04094040/) *Nation Research Council Sudan*
		- [Lizbeth Goodman](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lizbethgoodman/) *UCD, Ireland*
	+ **Life Sciences**
		- Bernd Halling, *Bayer, Germany*
		- Jeffrey Mphahlele*Vice President for Research South African Medical Research Council*

**13h30 Parallel Sessions**

* + **Geosciences**

Murray Hitzman *iCRAG, Ireland*

David Khoza *Geoscience Council, South Africa*

* + **Training and Mobility**
		- Bonita de Swardt, *South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)*
	+ **Green Deal**
		- Juan Miguel González-Aranda *LifeWatch ERIC, Spain*
		- Georgina Ryan*, Dept Science and Innovatio, South Africa*
		- Faouzi Bekkaoui *Directeur – INRA, Marocco*

**14h30 Special Session: Space in the Service of Society**

Val Munsami *South African National Space Agency*

Johann-Dietrich Wörner *European Space Agency*

 Thorsten Rudolph *AZO Space, Germany*

 Finbarr Sheehy *MD, Unbotica*

 Orianno Grasso, *Copernicus, European Commission, Belgium*

Hambani Masheleni *African Union Commission*

**15h30 Research Infrsatructures**

Dominik Sobczak *DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

John Womersley, *DG EES; Chair EU ERIC Forum*

Yousef Torman, *Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN)*

**16h30** Africa – EU Science Data Plenary

 Happy Sithole, *CSIR, South Africa*

Moctor Yedaly *Head Information Society Division - African Union Commission*

Imraan Patel *Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Innovation Partnerships, Department of Science and Innovation*

Susan Veldsman,*Director, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)*

**17h30 Conclusion day one**

# Thursday 3 Septembers 2020

**09h00 Funding and Cooperation instruments**

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 Martina de Sole *APRE, Italy*

 Leonard Mizzi *DG DEVCO, European Commission, Belgium*

TBD *INRAE, France*

**10h30 AERAP + EU + UN SDGs**

* + **Joint Africa-EU Strategy JAES**

**12h00` A case Study: Cooperation in action**

 **Chair** Fionnula Gilsenan, *Irish Ambassador to South Africa*

**12h45 Conclusion**