

Programme
Global Research Council Africa Meeting
16-17 November 2015
Strand Hotel, Swakopmund, Namibia

Date	Time	Content
15 Nov (Sun)	18:00-20:00	Registration
		Welcome Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Eino Mvula (CEO, National Commission for Research, Science and Technology, Namibia) - Dr Beverley Damonse (Acting CEO, National Research Foundation, South Africa) - Councilor Nehemia Salomon (Mayor of Swakopmund)
16 Nov (Mon)	African Science Granting Councils in Context (open to the public)	
	08:00-09:00	Registration
	09:00-10:00	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Eino Mvula (NCRST) - Dr Beverley Damonse (NRF) - Dr Graham Harrison (Executive Secretary to the Governing Board, GRC) - Prof Rick Rylance (Executive Group Chair, Research Councils-UK) - Dr Philippe Mawoko (Executive Secretary, African Observatory for Science, Technology and Innovation, Africa Union)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening address: Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Namibia - Key Note Address: Dr Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Director, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD, Kenya)
	10:00-10:30 10:30-11:00	
	11:00-12:00	Panel Discussion <p>The session will provide a broad framework for the GRC 2016 Meeting Themes: <i>Equality and Status of Women in Research</i> and <i>Interdisciplinarity</i> and contextualise its role in STI development in Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Gansen Pillay (Deputy CEO, NRF)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Yaya Sangare (Executive Secretary, PASRIS) - Prof Andre Du Pisani (Chairperson, NCRST) - Dr Jörg Schneider (DFG, Germany) - Dr Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg (AWARD) - Prof Tavarekere Chandrashekar (Secretary, SERB, India)
	12:00-13:00	Lunch
Parallel sessions	GRC Africa Regional Meeting and Academic Symposium (open to the public)	
	13:00-14:40	<div> <p>Session I: Interdisciplinarity</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Aldo Stroebe (NRF)</p> <p><u>Overview of GRC Statements of Approaches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Graham Harrison (GRC) - Prof Rick Rylance (RCUK); Prof Tavarekere Chandrashekar (SERB) - 10-min video introduction: Dr Janet Metcalfe/Alasdair Gleed (<i>independent consultants appointed by RCUK and SERB, to introduce their approach and methodology</i>) <p>Setting the Scene (Presentation of GRC Interdisciplinarity discussion paper)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Sepo Hachigonta (NRF) </div> <div> <p>Session II: Academic session on Manufacturing Technologies</p> <p>This session will discuss the role of manufacturing technologies in national and regional economic and social development to strengthen research collaboration among African and German researchers (<i>See details in separate programme</i>).</p> </div>

		Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Anthony Muyepa Phiri (National Commission for Science and Technology, Malawi) - Dr Moses Rugutt (National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation, Kenya) - Dr Ignace Gatere (National Science and Technology Commission, Rwanda) - Prof Hany El-Shemy (Academy of Scientific Research, Egypt) 	
	14:40-15:10	Break	
	15:10-16:30	Session III: Equality and Status of Women Moderator: Dr Diina Shuuluka (NCRST) Setting the Scene (Presentation of Equality and Status of Women discussion paper) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof Meike Tilebein (University of Stuttgart, Germany) Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Hassan Mshinda (Commission for Science and Technology, Tanzania) - Dr Beverley Damonse (NRF) - Dr Yaya Sangare (National Fund for Research and Innovation for Development, Côte d'Ivoire) - Mrs Susan Muzite (Research Council of Zimbabwe) 	Session IV: Academic session on Energy The sessions will serve as a platform to discuss current and future sustainable solutions to Africa's energy challenges to strengthen research collaboration between experts from Africa and Germany in the energy related sectors (<i>See details in separate programme</i>).
	17:30	Shuttle from conference venue to reception venue	
	18:00-19:30	Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Ally Angula, MD, Leapfrog Holdings "The Namibian Experience: Manufacturing Technologies" 	
17 Nov (Tue) (Closed sessions – AHORCS, GRC and invited guests)	09:00-11:00	Session I: Facilitated discussion on Interdisciplinarity Moderator: Dr Sepo Hachigonta (NRF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presenting outcomes from day 1 - Contribution from AHORCS - Consolidation of Position on Interdisciplinarity 	
	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	Session II: Facilitated discussion on Equality and Status of Women Moderator: Dr Diina Shuuluka (NCRST) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presenting outcomes from day 1 - Contribution from AHORCS - Consolidation of Position on Equality and Status of Women Closing remarks of the Regional Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Eino Mvula (NCRST); Dr Beverley Damonse (NRF) 	
	Afternoon	Lunch and departures Excursions (optional)	
18 Nov (Wed)	08:30-13:00	Science Granting Councils Initiative: NRF-IDRC-DFID Project Meeting (Closed session – SGCI project participants only)	

Rapporteurs: Dr Melody Mentz; Natasha Beangstrom; Anne Glasscoe