

ACADEMY SYNERGY BUILDING SESSIONS (ASBS)



Strengthening Regional Teamwork

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SADC-Southern African Development Community





SADC Academies Synergies

➤ Common Goals and objectives

Promoting gender



DIVERSITY



EQUITY



&

INCLUSION



in science, technology and



Start Small: SADC Network of Academies Activities

- Clear communication
- Leveraging Technology



Prof. Mamokgethi Phakeng



BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL STEM CAREER THROUGH SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

The power of your story

Prof. Mamokgethi Phakeng
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Vice-Chancellor University of Cape Town
named the most influential woman academic by CEO Magazine in 2014

Zoom Link: shorturl.at/dstCV | Date: 21 Dec 2020 | Time: 15:00:16:00 hrs





Stay focused: SADC Network of Academies Activities

➤ Feedback and continuous improvement



Prof Caroline Ncube



Prof Timothy Thomas



Mr Ayanda Noma

Dr Budzanani Tacheba is a Director of Science, Technology and Capacity Development, founding Chairman of the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST), Physics and Astronomy department's Advisory Board. He served as founding Executive Director for Innovation and Technology at the Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub (BDIH), where his key responsibilities included innovation support programmes, technology entrepreneurship development, facilitating R&D, innovation, and technology funding/commercialization. His illustrious career has seen him hold senior positions such as Research Fellow at the University of Botswana at the Okavango Research Institute), Regional Coordinator at the Global Monitoring for Food Security Consortium led by Flemish Institute of Technology (VITO); and interim Coordinator in the Botswana Innovation Hub Project Office, among others.





Consider face to face activities: SADC Network of Academies Activities

- Feedback and continuous improvement

**African
BUSINESS**

Finance Politics Business Technology Energy Resources Arts & Culture Newsletters

Lesotho Academy of Science and Technology (LAST), Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), Botswana Academy of Science (BAS) Pioneer Intellectual Property (IP) Management Programme for African Researchers



Expansion: SADC Network of Academies Activities

➤ Cultural awareness and diversity



The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf),
in collaboration with the Botswana Academy of Science (BAS),
the Kingdom of Eswatini Academy of Science (KEAS), and the
Lesotho Academy of Science and Technology (LAST)
cordially invite you to a discussion session on:

**Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Mental Health Care and Policy:
Bridging the Gap in Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and South Africa**

Date: 4 December 2023
Time: 09:00 to 12:30
Venue: CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria
RSVP: [Click here to register](#)

BACKGROUND

The development of comprehensive mental health policies that adequately address the role of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and their significance in mental health treatment remains a notable challenge in Africa. Current policies often lack a holistic approach to address Mental, Neurological, and Substance use (MNS) disorders. For instance, in Africa, Traditional Health Practitioners (THPs) play a pivotal role in public health management often leading the way in healthcare practices, however, the role is not well appreciated in policies.

The national academies of science from South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana and the Kingdom of Eswatini will jointly host a workshop on the sidelines of Science Forum South Africa 2023 to explore the intersection of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and mental health care and policy in four countries within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

Session Objectives

- To deliberate on the role of Traditional Health Practitioners (THPs) in mental health care and contributions to holistic healing practices.
- To explore the incorporation of THPs and indigenous practices into national policies pertaining to mental health care and acceptance within the broader healthcare community and to identify opportunities for their meaningful integration.
- To establish a platform for mental health role players within the SADC region to share experiences, identify common ground, and address gaps in mental health legislation and policies.

Remember to register for the Science Forum South Africa to attend this, and other events



Keep growing: SADC Network of Academies Activities

➤ Feedback and continuous improvement

Democratising Knowledge through Open Science: A collaborative Workshop



Date: 27 August 2024

Time: 09:00-13:00 SAST (4 hours)

Venue: Online via Zoom

RSVP: [Click here to register](#)

Open science is a transparent, inclusive and equitable approach to research, with the goal of making scientific knowledge accessible to all. By promoting transparency, collaboration, and accessibility of research findings, Open Science initiatives are challenging and transforming traditional practices and fostering a more inclusive and democratic scientific community. This shift towards openness is facilitating greater reproducibility of results, accelerating the pace of discovery, and enhancing public trust in the scientific process. Overall, Open Science is playing a pivotal role in reshaping the landscape of scientific research.





Complimentary Activities by National Academies

GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr Jose Jackson-Maleta

Co-Director Of The Alliance For African Partnerships (AAP), Michigan State University



Dr Lilian Hunt

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion In Science and Health (EDIS) Lead, Wellcome Trust

SPEAKERS



Dr Budzanani Tacheba

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Ms Basadi Molelekeng

The Director, Bicolor Holdings (PTY) LTD Botswana

Challenges In Funding And Exploring Existing Funding Prospects In STEM



ZOOM LINK:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89468985781?pwd=YS9VTFN2Z2Zlcy9RZVAzTDhoSGhCZz09>

MEETING ID: 89468985781
PASSCODE: 694478

DATE: 21 NOVEMBER 2022
TIME: 17:00PM JOHANNESBURG

From Science To Business; Cultivating Enterprising Aspirations



ZOOM LINK:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87490088329?pwd=Qyt4TjR3T1p2b2FPdmJk5YjdEdz09>

METTING ID: 874 9008 8329
PASSCODE: 297618

DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2022
TIME: 14:15PM SAST
JOHANNESBURG

"THE EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON GENDER INCLUSION AND EQUALITY WEBINAR"

Time	Activity
1400-1405	Welcome remarks by BAS President - Prof. Masesane
1405-1425	Keynote Address by Vice President of OWSD (Africa Region) - Prof. Olubukola O. Babalola
1425-1445	Panel discussion chaired by Dr. P. Kooaletse-Mswela "Policies enabling gender inclusion and equality for Women in science in Botswana"
1445-1500	"Local Researcher perspective" by Dr. L. Kebaabetswe
1500-1520	"Business owner perspective" by Director of Medi-Glow Aesthetics - Dr. W. Somolekae
1520-1550	Dialogue by all
1550-1600	Closing Remarks: OWSD-BW Chair - Dr. Motlalepula Tait

Moderator:
Maranyane Marape



JULY
25TH

14:00-16:00
HRS





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Networking Challenges in the SADC Region





Summary



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