



Provisional agenda

Day One – Monday 30 September Envisaging Africa's Future	
08:00-09:30	Registration and welcome coffee/tea
09:30-12:00	<p>High Level Opening Session</p> <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO • H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission (tbc) • Mr. Claver Gatete, Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (tbc) <p>Opening Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the International Commission on the Futures of Education <hr/> <p>Interlude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Injairu Kulundu-Bolus, Senior Lecturer, Rhodes University, South Africa <hr/> <p>Panel Debate: Transforming Knowledge for Africa's Future <i>This Panel brings together leading African thinkers who will bring different perspectives to the theme of the Forum. The speakers will consider the visions of the future presented at the Summit of the Future and Africa's contributions to knowledge.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Firmin Edouard Matoko, Assistant Director-General, Priority Africa and External Relations, UNESCO</p> <p>Keynote Address: H.E. Prof. Mohamed Belhocine, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation. African Union Commission (tbc) (10 minutes)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Achille Mbembe, Professor, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research University of Witwatersrand, South Africa (tbc) • Prof. Patrick Loch Otieno Lumumba, Founder, PLO Lumumba Foundation, Kenya • Dr. Oby Ezekwesili, Senior Economic Advisor, Africa Economic Development Policy Initiative at Open Society Foundation, Nigeria • Prof. Catherine Odora Hoppers, Professor, Gulu University, Uganda, and former Technical Adviser on Indigenous Knowledge Systems to the Parliamentary Committee on Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, South Africa
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Plenary Panel Discussion



	<p>Envisaging Africa's Future</p> <p>Moderator: Gustavo Merino, Director, Division for Social Policies, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences • Zainab Usman, Founding Director, Africa Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace • Rika Preiser, Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair on Complex Systems and Transformative African Futures. Stellenbosch University, South Africa • Sylvestre Kouamé Kouassi, Chairholder, Chaire UNESCO Anticipation, Prospective et Territoires Durables, Université Alassane Ouattara de Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire • Kais Hammami, Director for Foresight and AI, Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) • Yala Kisukidi, Vice President of the International College of Philosophy, Université Paris 8, France • Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (tbc) <p>Remarks: Rita Bissoonauth, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office to the African Union and Representative to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</p>
15:30-16:00	Tea/coffee break
16:00-17:30	<p>Parallel Sessions I</p> <p>1. Transforming Learning and Skills Development in Africa to Accelerate SDG4 and Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA) Commitments</p> <p>Convenor: Dean Chen (UNESCO)</p> <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophia Ashipala, Head of Education Division, Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI), African Union Commission (tbc) • Albert Nsengiyumva, Executive Secretary, Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) • Adama Coulibaly, Inspector-General, Ministry of National Education, Côte d'Ivoire • Dorcas Beryl Otieno, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Entrepreneurship Education for Sustainable Development, Kenyatta University, Kenya • Jean-Marc Bernard, Head of Country Programmes, Education.org, United States of America • Brad Olsen, Senior Fellow, Centre for Universal Education, Brookings Institute, United States of America • Susannah Hares, Director, Education Policy and Senior Policy Fellow, Centre for Global Development, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland • Grant Wheeler, Senior Programme Assistant, Global Education Programme, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, United States of America <p>2. International Peace and Security: How can education impede or facilitate long-lasting</p>

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Convenor: Cecilia Barbieri and Kuany Kiir Kuany (UNESCO)

Moderator: Kelsey Shanks, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Education for Peacebuilding and Human Rights, University of Ulster, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- **Cecilia Barbieri**, Chief of Section of Global Citizenship and Peace Education, UNESCO
- **Maha Shuayb**, British Academy Bilateral Chair Education in Crisis, Director of Centre for Lebanese Studies, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- **Meke Meite**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Culture of Peace, Université Felix Houphouët-Boigny, Cote D'Ivoire
- **Alain Tschudin**, Professor and Senior Researcher & Prospective UNESCO Chair "Gandhi-Montessori-Luthuli" on Education for Peace and Transformative Solidarity, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- **Ademola Akinyoade**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Peace and Citizenship, Afe Babalola University, Nigeria
- **Azeem Badroodien**, Co-Investigator, PEER Network, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Massimiliano Tarozzi**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Global Citizenship Education in Higher Education, Université de Bologne, Italie
- **Mirian Vilela De Araujo**, Responsable, Chaire UNESCO en éducation pour le développement durable, Centre de la Charte de la Terre à l'Université pour la Paix, Costa Rica

3. Financing for Sustainable Development

Convenor: Caroline Siebold (UNESCO)

Speakers (tbc)

4. Science, Technology, Innovation and Digital Cooperation

Convenor: Amal Kasry (UNESCO)

Moderator: (tbc)

- **Ismael Rafols**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Diversity and Inclusion in Global Science, Leiden University, Netherlands
- **Sujatha Raman**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Science Communication for the Public Good, The Australian National University, Australia
- **Rajesh Tandon**, Co-Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Community-based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, PRIA, India
- **Koko Houedakor**, Chairholder, Chaire UNESCO « femmes, science et gestion raisonnée de l'eau en Afrique de l'Ouest », Université de Lomé, Togo
- **Jelil Ezzine**, Chairholder, Chaire UNESCO sur la politique de la science, de la technologie et de l'innovation, Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Tunis (ENIT)

5. Youth and Future Generations

Convenors: Caroline Siebold and Kristina Balalovska (UNESCO)

Moderator: (tbc)

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- **David Momanyi**, Executive Director, Horn of Africa Youth Network, Kenya
- **Marleen Temmerman**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Youth Leadership in Science, Health, Gender and Education, Aga Khan University, Kenya
- **Kennedy Amone P'Olak**, Lecturer, Gulu University, Uganda
- **Dagmawit Tewahido Haimanot**, Assistant Professor and Research Associate, Addis Continental Institute of Public Health (ACIPH), Ethiopia

6. Transformation of Knowledge in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE): Evolution and Future Directions in Africa

Convenor: Yoshie Kaga (UNESCO)

Moderator: (tbc)

- **George Evans Owino**, Coordinator, Knowledge Generation Working Group of African Union Cluster for Early Childhood Education and Development, Kenya
- **Hasina Ebrahim**, UNESCO co-Chair on Early Childhood Education, Care and Development, University of South Africa, South Africa
- **Lynette Okengo**, Executive Director, Africa Early Childhood Network, Kenya
- **Oumar Barry**, UNESCO co-Chair on Early Childhood Education, Care and Development, University of Cheikh Anta Diop of Senegal, Senegal

7. What is the Future of the Right to Education? A consultation with UNESCO Chairs

Convenor: Rolla Moumne (UNESCO)

Moderator: Abdoulaye Salifou, Head of Education, UNESCO Liaison Office to the African Union and Representative to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- **Moira Faul**, Executive Director, Network for international policies and cooperation in education and training (NORRAG), Switzerland
- **Ann Skelton**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- **Mark Bray**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Comparative Education, University of Hong Kong, China
- **Emmanuel Ganse**, UN SDG Young Leader (2022-2024), Benin
- **Mustapha Ijjaali**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Lifelong Learning, Université Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah de Fès, Kingdom of Morocco
- **Susan Osireditse Keitumetse**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on African Heritage Studies and Sustainable Development, University of Botswana, Botswana
- **Hemant Bessoondyal**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair for Higher Education, Mauritius Institute of Education, Mauritius
- **Winnie V. Mitullah**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Women and Community Health, University of Nairobi, Kenya

8. South-South Cooperation to Advance Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development in Africa and the Global South

Convenor: Bosen Lily Liu (UNESCO-IESALC)

Moderator: Bosen Lily Liu (UNESCO-IESALC)

- **Francesc Pedró**, Director, UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in



	<p>Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xiaojun Grace Wang, Director a.i. United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) • Osman Abdulai Ayariga, All-Africa Students Union (AASU), Ghana • Antoine Kallab, Associate Director, Nature Conservation Center, American University of Beirut (AUB-NCC), Lebanon • Nomthandazo Ntlama-Makhanya, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair of Human Rights, University of Fort Hare, South Africa <p>9. Science, Technology and Innovation Foresight for African Countries</p> <p>Convenor: Alexander Sokolov (National Research University – Higher School of Economics, Moscow)</p> <p>Moderator: Alexander Sokolov (National Research University – Higher School of Economics (HSE))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mlungisi Cele, CEO, National Advisory Council on Innovation, South Africa • Petrus Letaba, Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa • Driss Guerraoui, Professor, University of Dakhla, Kingdom of Morocco • Jonathan Calof, UNESCO Chair on Anticipatory Systems for Innovation and Venture Creation, University of New Brunswick; University of Ottawa, Canada; National Research University – Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia; North-West University, South Africa • Tanja Hichert, UNESCO Chair in Complex Systems and Transformative African Futures, Stellenbosch University, South Africa <p>10. Research Reimagined: AI's role in Africa's future</p> <p>Convenor: Abtar Darshan Singh (Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandile Motsa, Dean, University of Eswatini (UNESWA), Eswatini • Jonathan JS Kovilpillai, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair Program Manager, Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia • Fahd Raza, UNESCO Chair Researcher, Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia
17:30-20:00	<p>Welcome Reception and Cultural Performances</p> <p>Official launch of the Amharic and Kiswahili versions of <i>'Reimagining our Futures Together: A New Social Contract for Education'</i>, the report from the International Commission on the Futures of Education</p>

Day Two – Tuesday 1 October
 Implications for Africa's Research Ecosystems



<p>09:00-10:00</p>	<p>Plenary Panel Discussion Futures of Higher Education in Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Firmin Edouard Matoko, Assistant Director-General, Priority Africa and External Relations, UNESCO</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Prof. Berhanu Nega, Minister of Education, Ethiopia (tbc) • Olushola Oyewole, Secretary General, Association of African Universities (AAU), Ghana • Souleymane Konate, Secretary General, Conseil Africain et Malgache pour l'Enseignement Supérieur (CAMES), Burkina Faso • Jean Kouliadiati, Rector, Pan African University, Cameroon • Samuel Kifle, President, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia President, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia (tbc) • Pauline Essah, Director of Research and Programmes, Education Sub-Saharan Africa (ESSA), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland • Alain Kiyindou, Regional Director, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Central and Great Lakes Africa, Cameroon • George Openjuru, Coordinator, UNESCO Chair on Lifelong Learning, Vice-Chancellor of Gulu University, Uganda • Guédégbé Samson Igor Bidossessi, Chairholder, Chaire UNESCO Droits de la personne humaine et de la démocratie, Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Benin • Rita Bissoonauth, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office Addis Ababa, Ethiopia • Abdoulaye Salifou, Chief of Education, UNESCO Liaison Office Addis Ababa, Ethiopia <p>Remarks: Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</p>
<p>10:00-10:30</p>	<p>Overview of UNESCO's Operational Strategy for Priority Africa 2022-2029</p> <p>Presenter: Firmin Edouard Matoko, Assistant Director-General, Priority Africa and External Relations, UNESCO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Campus Africa - Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education UNESCO 2. General History of Africa - Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO 3. Fostering Cultural Heritage and Capacity Development - Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director of World Heritage, UNESCO 4. Harnessing New and Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Development in Africa - Speaker tbc 5. Enhance Open Science, Innovation and Technology – UNESCO's Initiative Towards Open Access in Africa - Shaofeng Hu, Director, Division of Science Policy and Basic Sciences, UNESCO



10.30 – 11.00	Tea/Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p>Parallel Sessions II</p> <p>UNESCO's Operational Strategy for Priority Africa 2022-2029</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flagship Programme 1: Campus Africa – Reinforcing Higher Education in Africa Convenor: Carmela Salzano Moderator: Rita Bissoonauth, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office Addis Ababa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borhene Chakroun, Director, Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning • Dimitri Sanga, Director, UNESCO Regional Office for West Africa, Senegal • Saidou Madougou, Director, Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI), African Union Commission, Ethiopia • Paul-André Calatayud, Representative for East Africa, Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), Kenya • Elizabeth Colucci, Director of International Projects, OBREAL Global, Spain (tbc) • Souleymane Konaté, Secretary General, Conseil Africain et Malgache pour l'Enseignement Supérieur (CAMES), Burkina Faso • Jean Kouliadiati, Rector, Pan-African University (PAU), Cameroon • Alain Kiyindou, Regional Director, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Central and Great Lakes Africa, Cameroon • Emmanuel Barry, Director, Department Health, Education and Real estate, West African Development Bank (BOAD), Togo • Amadou Tchambou, Director, Department of Higher Education and TVET, West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), Burkina Faso 2. Flagship Programme 2: The General History of Africa – Transforming Education and Knowledge Systems Through the Teaching and Learning of the General History of Africa Convenor: Maria Mathilde Stoleroff (UNESCO) Moderator: Cecilia Barbieri, Chief of Section, Global Citizenship and Peace Education, UNESCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mamadou Ndoye, Expert in Education Policies, former Minister of Education, Senegal • Denise Bentrovato, Senior Researcher, University of Pretoria, South Africa • Renato Opertti, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Hybrid Education Innovative Curriculum, Learning, Assessment and Educational Technologies, Universidad Católica, Uruguay; Senior Expert, UNESCO International Bureau of Education, Switzerland • Karine Silva, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Education towards Racial Equality, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil • Augustin Holl, Professor, Chair of the Scientific Committee for the drafting of new General History of Africa volumes, Cameroon 3. Flagship Programme 3: Fostering Cultural Heritage and Capacity Development



Convenor: Sonia Zerroualy (UNESCO)

Moderator: Francisco Gomez, Programme Specialist (Culture), UNESCO Regional Field Office for Southern Africa

- **Lazare Eloundou Assomo**, Director of World Heritage, UNESCO
- **Baba Keita**, Former Director, African Heritage School, Benin
- **Rose Boswell**, SARChI Research Chair in Ocean Cultures and Heritage, South Africa
- **Hamady Bocoum**, Director, Black Civilizations Museum, Senegal
- **Pamela Eze-Uzomaka**, Professor, University of Nigeria-Nsukka, Nigeria
- **Marcos Agostinho**, Executive Director, American Schools of Angola, Angola

4. Flagship Programme 4: Harnessing New and Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Development in Africa

Convenor: Lydia Gachungi (UNESCO)

Moderator: tbc

- **Lydia Gachungi**, Communication and Information Regional Adviser, UNESCO Addis Ababa Liaison Office, Ethiopia
- **Prateek Sibal**, Programme Specialist, Digital Policies and Digital Transformation Section, UNESCO
- **Lishan Adams**, Research ICT Africa Network, Ethiopia
- **Souhila Amazouz**, Senior ICT Policy Office, Department of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
- **Admire Mare**, Researcher, AI Expert and Professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

5. Flagship Programme 5: Enhance Open Science, Innovation and Technology – UNESCO's Initiative Towards Open Access in Africa

Convenor: Amal Kasry (UNESCO)

Moderator: Amal Kasry (UNESCO)

- **Shaofeng Hu**, Director, Division of Science Policy and Basic Sciences, UNESCO
- **Malik Maaza**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Nanosciences and Nanotechnology, University of South Africa, South Africa
- **Ponnadurai Ramasami**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Computational Chemistry, University of Mauritius, Mauritius
- **Tshenolo Phinah Leso**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Manufacturing and Innovation Technologies, Botswana International University of Science and Technology, Botswana
- **Patrice Kenfack Tsobnang**, Professor, University of Dschang, Cameroon

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6. Transforming Research for Just and Sustainable African futures: Towards new ecologies of knowledge



Convenor: Leon Tikly (University of Bristol)

Moderator: Leon Tikly, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Transforming Knowledge and Research for Just and Sustainable Futures, University of Bristol, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- **Catherine Odora Hoppers**, Professor, Gulu University, Uganda, and former Technical Adviser on Indigenous Knowledge Systems to the Parliamentary Committee on Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, South Africa
- **Moira Faul**, Executive Director, Geneva Graduate Institute and Executive Director (NORRAG), Switzerland
- **Divine Fuh**, Director, Institute for Humanities in Africa, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Crain Soudien**, former Chief Executive Officer, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa; Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Rajesh Tandon**, UNESCO Co-Chair on Community-based Research & Social Responsibility in Higher Education, Founder-Dean, PRIA International Academy, India

7. Embracing Diversity for Africa's Future: Integrating Indigenous Philosophies in African Education

Convenor: Samuel Amponsah (University of Ghana)

Moderator: Samuel Amponsah, Associate Professor, University of Ghana, Ghana

Keynote: **Wangoola-Wangoola Ndawula**, Nabyama (Founder), Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity in Busoga Kingdom, Uganda (tbc)

- **Kewulay H. Kamara**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Futures Education, University of Makeni, Sierra Leone
- **Winnie V. Mitullah**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Women and Community Health, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- **Darla K. Deardorff**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- **Rasha Metawi**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Cultural Heritage Education, Helwan University, Egypt
- **Camila Valdès León**, UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Dialogue, Casa de las Américas, Cuba (tbc)

8. Transforming Knowledge through Higher Education for the Future of Work and Beyond.

Convenor: Carmela Salzano

- **Michael Phillips**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on TVET and Sustainable Development, University of Doha for Science and Technology
- Speakers (tbc)



9. Learning Counts: Spotlight on Basic Education Completion and Foundational Learning in Africa

Convenor: Kate Linkins (UNESCO)

Moderator: tbc

- **Manos Antoninis**, Director, Global Education Monitoring Report, UNESCO
- **Sophia Ashipala**, Head of Education Division, Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI), African Union Commission (tbc)
- **Elifas Tozo Bisanda**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Teacher Education and Curriculum, The Open University of Tanzania, Tanzania
- **Marleen Temmerman**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Youth Leadership in Science, Health, Gender and Education, Aga Khan University, Kenya
- **Ann Skelton**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa

10. Assessing AI Research and Innovation Capacities for Africa's Leapfrogging in the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Convenor: Hugue Ngandeu Ngatta (UNESCO)

Moderator: tbc

- **Kiran Bhujun**, Director, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research Division, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Government of Mauritius, Secretary General, Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO
- **Hugue Ngandeu Ngatta**, Programme Specialist for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, UNESCO
- **Diana Nyakundi**, Research Fellow at Research ICT Africa, Lead National Researcher for the Readiness Assessment Methodology, Kenya
- **Claude Migisha**, Digital Development Expert, Lead National Expert for the Readiness Assessment Methodology, Rwanda
- **Joyce Nakatumba-Nabende**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, Makerere University, Uganda **or Neema Mduma**, Senior Lecturer, Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Tanzania
- **Taye Girma**, Deputy General Director, Research and Development Cluster, Ethiopian Artificial Intelligence Institute, Ethiopia
- **Gloria Iyawa**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair for Gender and Digital Technologies, Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia
- **Yoslan Nur**, Programme Specialist, Natural Science Sector, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, UNESCO
- **Anthony Mshandete**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Research and Innovation at Nelson Mandela African Institution for Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Tanzania. UNESCO Chair in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) and Leadership, United Republic of Tanzania



12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>Plenary Panel Discussion Diversifying Knowledge and Fostering Inclusive Research, Science, Technology and Innovation</p> <p>Convenor: Amal Kasry (UNESCO)</p> <p>Moderator: Sobhi Tawil, Director, Futures of Learning and Innovation Division, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saidou Madougou, Director of the Department for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission (tbc) • Alexandra Xanthaki, UN Special Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland • Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (tbc) • Patrizio Bianchi, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Education, Growth and Equality, Emeritus Professor of Applied Economics, University of Ferrara, Italy • Shaofeng Hu, Director, Division of Science Policy and Basic Sciences, UNESCO • Rita Bissoonauth, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
15:30-16:00	Tea/coffee break



16:00-17:30	<p>Plenary Panel Discussion Diversifying Knowledge and Fostering Inclusive Research, Science, Technology and Innovation (continued)</p> <p>Moderator: Amal Kasry, Chief of Section, Basic Sciences, Research Innovation, and Engineering Section, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Birhanu Nega, Minister of Education, Ethiopia (tbc) • H.E. Belete Molla, Minister of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopia (tbc) • Losenge Turoop, Director, Pan African University Institute for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation (PAUSTI), Kenya • Jelal Ezzine, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Science, Technology and Innovation Policies, Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Tunis (ENIT), Tunisia • Sujatha Raman, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Science Communication for the Public Good, the Australian National University, Australia • Qiuming Cheng, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Deep-time Digital Earth and Mineral Resources, China University of Geosciences Beijing, People's Republic of China • Giselle Venancio, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Global and Social Inequalities: Innovative Approaches, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil • Fawaz Hazza Abu Sitta, Foresight Research Director, UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies: Anticipatory Systems for Prosperous Futures, Center for Futures Studies, University of Dubai, United Arab Emirates • Abdul Rahman Lamin, Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO • Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (tbc) • Rita Bissoonauth, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
17:30-20:00	<p>Official Dinner and Cultural Event</p>

<p>Day Three – Wednesday 2 October Strengthening Collaborative Research Partnerships across Africa and beyond</p>	
09:00-10:00	<p>Dialogue on Strengthening Collaborative Research Partnerships Convenors: ED/FLI and UNESCO Addis Ababa</p> <p>Moderator: Sobhi Tawil, Director, Futures of Learning and Innovation Division, UNESCO (</p> <p>Keynote address : Mina Kleiche-Dray, Directrice de Recherche & Directrice adjointe du</p>



	<p>Département Scientifique Sociétés et Mondialisation, Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) (tbc)</p> <p>Speakers (tbc)</p>
<p>10:00-11:30</p>	<p>Parallel Sessions III</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Round Table on Partnerships Convenor: UNESCO Speakers (tbc) 2. Enhancing Collaborative Research Partnerships through Generative AI Convenor: Abtar Darshan Singh (Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abtar Darshan Singh, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Harnessing Innovations in Technology to Support Teachers and Quality Learning, Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia • Maurice Nkusi, Manager, Academic Development & Support, University of Science & Technology, Namibia • Janeth Kigobe, UNESCO Chair Program Manager, Open University Tanzania (OUT), Tanzania • Fahd Raza, UNESCO Chair Researcher, Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia 3. Rethinking the Curriculum: The need for endogenous education in the 21st century Convenor: Gertrude Nambuiru (African Curriculum Association) 4. Fostering global partnerships: Advancing sustainable postsecondary research collaboration between African higher education and historically Black universities in the United States Convenor: M. Christopher Brown II (Payne Center for Social Justice) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Christopher Brown, Executive Director and Research Scientist, Payne Center for Social Justice, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, United States of America • N. Joyce Payne, Founder, Payne Center for Social Justice, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, United States of America • Tymon M. Graham, Director of Research Strategy, Payne Center for Social Justice, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, United States of America • Nico Elema, Director, Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University, South Africa 5. Transforming Knowledge for Africa's Future: Rethinking the role and contribution from the Social Sciences and the Humanities Convenor: Hugue Ngandeu Ngatta (UNESCO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdul Rahman Lamin, Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO • Dzodzi Tsikata, Professor, School of Oriental and African Studies, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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- **Karuti Kanyinga**, Research Professor of Development Studies, Director of the Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi, Kenya
- **Lettie Tembo Longwe**, Interim Director /Head of Secretariat Tana Forum, Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- **Luka Biong Deng**, Professor of Peace, Development, and Security Studies at the University of Juba; Managing Director of the Sudd Institute and the Institute of Peace, Development and Security Studies, University of Juba, Sudan
- **Rika Preiser and/or Tanja Hichert**, UNESCO Chair on Complex Systems and Transformative African Futures, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (tbc)
- **Tabue Nguma**, Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Regional Office for Western Africa, UNESCO
- **Obed Ogega**, Programmes Manager, The African Academy of Sciences, Kenya

6. Putting African Indigenous Knowledge to work for the Future of Africa

Convenor: Rajesh Tandon (PRIA)

- **Yaya Sangare**, Director-General, Fonds pour la Science, La Technologie et l'innovations (FONSTI), Côte D'Ivoire
- **Hélène Kienon-Kabore Timpoko**, University Professor (CAMES), Archaeologist, Historian, Anthropologist, Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny de Cocody, Côte D'Ivoire
- **Wangoola-Wangoola Ndawula**, Nabyama (Founder), Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity in Busoga Kingdom, Uganda
- **Alois Porokwa**, Maasai Elder, Executive Director, NALEPPO, Manyara, Tanzania
- **Alice Lamwaka**, Director of Indigenous Medicine, Gulu University, Uganda

7. Intersections of Intercultural Communication/Education and Digital Literacies [UNESCO Story Circles – Train the Trainer Workshop]

Convenor: Darla K. Deardorff (Stellenbosch University)

- **Darla K. Deardorff**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competence at Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- **Camila Valdes Leon**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Dialogue, Casa de las Américas, Cuba

8. Presentation of the "African Heroes" edutainment video game

Convenor: Tabue Nguma (UNESCO)

Moderator: Tabue Nguma, Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO Regional Office for Western Africa, UNESCO

- **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO (video)
- **Claver Gatete**, Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia (tbc)



- **Samia Chelbi**, Director of Netinfo & Digiartlivinglab, Tunisia
- **Tony Bogue**, Professor, Brown University, United States of America
- **Cheick Tidiane Seck**, Malian artist of international renown, Mali
- **Louise Freire**, Journalist, France
- **Aché Ahmat Moustapha**, Writer, producer and influencer, Tchad
- **Rita Bissoonauth**, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

9. Transforming Knowledge: Creating a Future within the Present through Education

Convenor: Florence Ssereo (International Bureau of Education)

- **Svein Oesttveit**, Director, a.i. UNESCO International Bureau of Education
- **Overson Shumba**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Mathematics, Science, and Technology Teacher Education for Sustainable Development, Copperbelt University, Zambia
- **Patrick Charland**, Chairholder, Chaire UNESCO de développement curriculaire, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Canada
- **Abtar Kaur**, Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia
- **Dominica Dipio**, Professor, Makerere University, Uganda
- **Renato Opertti**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Hybrid Education Innovative Curriculum, Learning, Assessment and Educational Technologies, Universidad Católica del Uruguay; Senior Expert, UNESCO International Bureau of Education, Switzerland

10. Bringing the World Together: Achievements and Future Possibilities for Exchanges with Africa

Convenor: Miki Sugimura (Sophia University, Japan)

Eri Yamazaki, University Education Administrator (UEA), Sophia University, Japan
 Speakers tbc

11:30-13:00

Thematic Meetings I

1. Promoting Gender Equality in and through STEM education

Convenor: Elspeth McOmish (UNESCO)

- **Elsbeth McOmish**, Programme Specialist, Section of Education for Inclusion and Gender Equality, UNESCO
- **Simone Yankey-Ouattara**, Acting Coordinator, African Union International Centre for Girls' and Women's Education in Africa (AU/CIEFFA), Burkina Faso
- **Fatima Ouahmi**, Professor, Faculty of Education Sciences, Université Mohammed V, Kingdom of Morocco
- **Sithobile Priscilla Dube**, Lecturer, National University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Medicine, Zimbabwe
- **Mariam Abbas Ibrahim Abdelghafour**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Women, Science and Technology, Sudan University of Science and Technology, Sudan
- **Awa Bouso Dramé**, Researcher in Coastal Sciences, GIS & AI, & UNESCO-L'Oréal For Women in Science Laureate, Senegal

2. Building Research Partnerships to Advance Production and Use of New Historical



Knowledge: UNITWIN Network on the General History of Africa

Convenors: Lamine Diagne and Abdul Rahman Lamin (UNESCO)

- **Abdul Rahman Lamin**, Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO
- **Lamin Diagne**, Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO
- **Idrissa Bah**, Women's Rights Activist, Guinea
- **Kenneth Ombongi**, Professor of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- **Mohamed Camara**, Professor of African Studies, Howard University, United States of America
- **Lily Mafela**, Professor of History and History Education, University of Botswana, Botswana

3. Education Futures Network for Epistemic Justice and the Knowledge Commons (EpiNet) – new research connections and partnerships

Convenors: Prachi Srivastava (Western University) and Leon Tikly (University of Bristol)

Moderator: **Leon Tikly**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Transforming Knowledge and Research for Just and Sustainable Futures, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- **Prachi Srivastava**, Associate Professor, Western University, Canada
- **Catherine Hoppers**, Professor, Gulu University, Uganda, and former Technical Adviser on Indigenous Knowledge Systems to the Parliamentary Committee on Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, South Africa
- **Moira Faul**, Executive Director, Network for international policies and cooperation in education and training (NORRAG), Switzerland
- **Rajesh Tandon**, Founder and President, PRIA and UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, India

4. Health and Education: Innovating for Sustainable Development Focus – Human rights and Sexual, Reproductive and Affective health

Convenor: Joelle Mignot (Université Paris Cité)

- **Marleen Temmerman**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Youth Leadership in Science, Health, Gender and Education, Aga Khan University, Kenya
- **Speakers** (tbc)

5. Enhancing Arts and Culture Education through Research Cooperation

Convenor: Cristina Cusenza (UNESCO)

- **Joel Kipkemboi Kiboss**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Culture and Arts in Education for Sustainable Development, Kabarak University, Kenya
- **Angela Martins**, Acting Director for Social Development, Culture and Sport, African Union Commission (tbc)
- **Cristina Cusenza**, Associate Project Officer for Culture, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, UNESCO