

AFRICA DAY

PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:05

AU ANTHEM

09:05 – 09:30

OPENING REMARKS

FACILITATOR

Dr Sithembile Mbete, Programme Director, Apolitical Academy Southern Africa

Dr Phil Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Innovation

Prof Thenjiwe Meyiwa, Vice-Principal of Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation, and Commercialisation, UNISA

H.E. Prof Mohamed Belhocine, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

09:30 – 09:45

The role of entrepreneurship and innovation in addressing youth unemployment

H.E. Dr Blade Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, South Africa

09:45 – 10:00

The role of STI in addressing unemployment: Experiences from Uganda

H.E. Dr Monica Musenero, Minister Science, Technology and Innovation, Uganda

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSIONS

10:00 – 11:00

GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR STI INTERVENTIONS/PROGRAMMES TO TACKLE UNEMPLOYMENT

4IR: Building a futuristic human capital for a competitive continental job market

Prof Tshildzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor, University of Johannesburg

Private-public partnership for driving market-creating innovation

Bogolo Kenewendo, Former Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana and Managing Director, Kenewendo Advisory

How can entrepreneurial universities assist in tackling unemployment?

Dr Victor Konde, Scientific Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Tackling the Unemployment Dilemma: A case of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund

Konehali Gugushe, CEO, Nelson Mandela Children's Fund

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THE FUTURE OF STI IN BUILDING CONTINENTAL HUMAN CAPITAL TO ADDRESS MODERN CHALLENGES WHAT ADVANCEMENTS IN SCIENCE AND INNOVATION MEAN FOR EDUCATION AND ULTIMATELY EMPLOYMENT

Michèle Mbo'o-Tchouawou, PhD, Deputy Director, Programs, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)

Dr Tiisetso Lephoto, Founder: Nematech, (Mail and Gaurdian Top 100 Young Men and Women in Science and Technology)

Dr Anthony Mveyange, Executive Director, PASGR

Prof Faith Osier, Executive Director, Human Immunology Laboratory, Imperial College London

Prof Mathole Motshekga, Kara Heritage Institute

11:30 – 12:00

Q&A

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

12:00 – 13:00

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR EMPLOYMENT CREATION - LIVED STORIES OF YOUNG AFRICAN TECHPRENEURS

Experiences of young entrepreneurs

FACILITATOR

Prof Sharlene Swartz, Division Executive: Inclusive Economic Development, HSRC

Thembisio Magajana, CEO and Founder, Social Coding, South Africa

Kennedy Ekezie, Founder & CEO at Kippa, Nigeria

Lucia Bakulumpagi-Wamala, CEO, Bakulu Power (Uganda)

Mdu Mkhonza, Teko Tako Ngwane Institute (South Africa)

13:00 – 13:10

Q&A

13:10 – 13:15

Closure and vote of thanks

Mmampei Chaba, Chief Director: Multilateral Cooperation and Africa