

AUSTRALIA AFRICA UNIVERSITY IMPACT 2020 - 2030 AAUN Australia Forum

Monday 2 November 2020

Online via Zoom (3-hour Forum: 1400-1700 Perth time)

Convened during national Australia Africa Week 2020

Please register (free) by 23 October via [this link](#):

The Zoom event link/password will be contained in your registration confirmation email.

Note: All presentations/remarks to be pre-recorded with strict time limits as set out below, with speakers to join for live Q&A. Instructions on providing the pre-recorded video will be sent directly to speakers.

(10 mins)

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME		
Dr David Mickler (online forum host)	Director, Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC), University of Western Australia	3 mins
Prof John Hearn	Co-Chair (Australia), AAUN	7 mins

(75 mins)

SECURING AUSTRALIA-AFRICA EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS IN A TIME OF COVID-19		
Chair: Dr David Mickler		
<i>Keynote address</i>		
Prof Tawana Kupe	Vice-Chancellor, University of Pretoria; Co-Chair (Africa) AAUN	15 mins
<i>There is a silver lining or an opportunity in the impacts COVID-19 has/is having on higher education at multiple levels, which include but are not limited to the future of contact teaching and learning, what and how we do research and international collaborations and partnerships including staff and student mobility. The silver lining or opportunity is to rethink/re-imagine higher education in what is an age of disruptions that we have faced as a sector and as humanity and the world. COVID 19 is a health crisis that has exacerbated existing crises of politics, the economy, the environment and society more broadly. More specifically we should identify innovative ways and means of re-aligning higher education with societal challenges in ways that engender the creation of a new more sustainable world that is characterised by equity and equality, social justice and a more ethical use of natural resources.</i>		
<i>Remarks (pre-recorded)</i>		
Prof Amit Chakma	Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Australia	7 mins
Prof Eeva Leinonen	Vice-Chancellor, Murdoch University	7 mins

H.E. Dr Kate O'Shaughnessy	Australian High Commissioner to Mauritius	7 mins
H.E. Mr Isaiya Kabira	Kenyan High Commissioner to Australia and Dean, Africa Heads of Mission in Australia	7 mins
<i>Live audience Q&A with keynote speaker and panel</i>		30 mins

5 minute refreshment break

(90 mins)

SHOWCASING AAUN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS & CENTRES		
Chair: Prof John Hearn		
<i>i) Showcasing AAUN Partnership and Research Development Fund (PRDF) projects</i>		
A/Prof Richard Vokes	Aquaculture production and sustainable livelihoods in Africa: Lessons from Uganda and Kenya. (UWA, Nairobi, Makerere)	8 mins
Prof Hettie Schoenfeld & Dr Meighan Bruce	Nutrient density and protein quality of African processed meat products (Pretoria, Murdoch).	8 mins
Prof Prem Ramburuth, Dr Melody Mentz-Coetzee, A/Prof Nasima Carrim	Gender Equity in Africa: Intersection of Research, Training and Capacity Building (UNSW, Pretoria)	8 mins
<i>Live audience Q&A with PRDF project teams</i>		15 mins
<i>ii) Strengthening AAUN through building Africa centres</i>		
Prof Cheikh Mbow	Director, Future Africa Institute, University of Pretoria	5 mins
Dr Janet Dzator	Director, Centre for African Research, Engagement and Partnerships (CARE-P), University of Newcastle	5 mins
Mr David Doepel	Chair, Africa Research Group, Murdoch University	5 mins
Mr Haileluel Gebre-selassie	Convenor, Africa Research, Engagement and Enterprise Initiative (AREEI), University of Melbourne	5 mins
Dr David Mickler	Director, Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC), University of Western Australia	5 mins
<i>Live audience Q&A with Africa centre leaders</i>		15 mins
Forum closing remarks and next steps into 2021		
Prof Tawana Kupe	Co-Chair (Africa), AAUN	5 mins
Prof John Hearn	Co-Chair (Australia), AAUN	5 mins

End of AAUN Australia Forum 2020

The AAUN Australia Forum 2020 is followed by the:
UWA AfREC Australia-Africa Diaspora Research Forum 2020

Monday 2 November 2020

6.00-9.00pm AWST (Perth)

UWA Social Sciences Lecture Theatre (352:G130) and online via Zoom:

Please register (free) via [this link](#)

UWA AfREC AUSTRALIA-AFRICA DIASPORA RESEARCH FORUM 2020

Keynote address via Zoom:

- **Ms Eiman Kheir**, Head, Diaspora Division, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa

Panel discussion and audience Q&A with research teams from two current projects:

- **The Transnational Political Economy of African Migration to Australia**

Funded by UWA Research Collaboration Award.

Partners: University of Western Australia, University of Ghana, University of Nairobi, WA Government Office of Multicultural Interests, Organisation of African Communities in WA.

- **Development, Diplomacy and the Diaspora: Deepening Engagement between African-Australians, the Diplomatic Corps and the African Union's Agenda 2063**

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Partners: University of Western Australia, Murdoch University, University of Melbourne, Addis Ababa University, African Think Tank, Pan-African Australasian Diaspora Network.