

ADD YOUR VOICE TO DISCUSSIONS ON:
**THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE
COMMUNICATION**

TRADEMARK SUITES, ENAKI TOWN
FEBRUARY 25 - 26, 2025
NAIROBI, KENYA

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY – DAY 1:

HIGH LEVEL OPENING SESSION:

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
9:00 – 9:30am Introducing the Alliance for Science Global Consortium
9:30 – 9:45am Goodwill Messages
9:45 – 11:00am SCIENCE PRIORITIES FOR AFRICA TO ADDRESS GLOBAL CHALLENGES

“The Future of Science Communication in the Age of AI”

- **Amb. Philip Thigo**, Tech Envoy, Govt of Kenya

“Strengthening Environmental Governance in Africa”

- **Dr. Rose Mwebaza**, Regional Director Africa, UNEP

“The Sustainability Challenge for Africa”

- **Hon. Dr. Matthew Prempeh**, Former Energy Minister, Rep. of Ghana

11:30 - 1:00PM

**CHALLENGING MISINFORMATION IN THE AGE OF AI:
GREEN ZONE**

AI & MISINFORMATION THOUGHT LEADERS PANEL:

On AI Governance

- **Amb. Philip Thigo**, MBS - Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology
- **Ms Juliana Rotich** - Director Africa Chapter, Pax Technologica

On Development Communication

- **Mr Ibrahim Ahmed** - Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development (SCDDD)
- **Mr. Yohanis Riek** - Yo' Care - South Sudan
- **Ms. Jacqueline Wang'ombe** - Digital Green, AI Assisted Farming Technologies

On Health Communication

- **Ms Vivianne Ihekweazu** - Nigeria Health Watch
- **Mr Robert Kimbui** - Johnson & Johnson
- **Dr. Katherine Getau** - former CEO, ICT Authority, Kenya

**EXPLORING THE ENERGY ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT
NEXUS: BLUE ZONE**

THE POWER PANEL:

On Energy

- **Dr. Sneha Sinha** - Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India
- **Dr. Nuhu Habib** - Avante Consultants and Advisors Limited, Nigeria
- **Hon. Dr. Matthew Prempeh** - Former Energy Minister, Rep. of Ghana

On Environment

- **Dr. Rose Mwebaza** - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- **Mr Jote Cika** - The Africa Youth Environmentalists Network (AYEN)

On Development

- **Ms Alice Ruhweza** - President of AGRA
- **Hon. Nasra Nanda** - Africa Regional Network World, Green Building Council

2:00 - 5:00PM

AFTERNOON PLENARY

2:00 – 2:30pm “The Future of Science Communication: Trends, Drivers and Signals from the Global South”

- **Dr Julius Gatune Karuiki** - Policy Advisor and Futurist, Innovation and Transformation

2:30 – 4:00 pm **Visions of the Future – Panel of Experts**

Facilitator – **Dr Sheila Obim**

Producing World Class Content

- **Dr. Julia Bello-Bravo** - Scientific Animations Without Borders (SAWBO)
- **Mr Anthony Flood** - International Food Information Council (IFIC)

Localising Content

- **Mr Paul Omondi**- Agence France - Press (AFP)
- **Mr David Omwoyo**- Media Council of Kenya
- **Mr Emmanuel Mugisha** - Rwanda Media Commission

Enabling World Class Convenings in Africa

- **Mrs Patricia Okelo** - Conferencing In A Box
- **Mr Joshua Wanyama** - Pesapal & Ticketsasa

4:30 – 4:00 pm **Future Stories: SDG Heroes and The 2063 Warrior League**

- **Mr Olu Alake** - The Africa Centre, UK
- **Mr. Olalekan Akinbo** - AUDA - NEPAD
- **Mr. Peter Kalanzi** - Alliance for Science
- **Mr. Wences Almazan** - Walmazan
- **Ms. Temi Oh** - Science Fiction Writer

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WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY - DAY 2:

HIGH LEVEL PLENARY

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
9:00 – 9:30am Review and video highlights from day 1
9:30 – 9:45am How TED Created Rockstar Scientists
9:45 – 11:00am INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S PANEL: MESSAGES OF HOP:
• Maasai Elders - **Jackline Koin**, Alliance for Science
• Interfaith dialogues in Bangladesh - **Arif Hossain**, Farming Future Bangladesh

11:30 - 1:00PM

CHAMPIONS, CONTENT, CULTURE: GREEN ZONE

Communications Catalysts

Champions

- **H.E Matthew Prempeh** - Former Energy Minister, former Education Minister. Republic of Ghana.
- **Prof Eric Danquah** - West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI)
- **Prof. Channapatna Prakash** - Tuskegee University before fellowship title

Culture

- **Hon Jackline Koin** - Resilience Ambassador, AFS
- **Adewale Ajadi** - Author Omoluwabi 2.0: A Code of Transformation in 21st Century Nigeria

Content

- **Ms. Meghaa Ahuja** - Somaiya Center for Experimental Learning, Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU)
- **Eddie Olang** - Akili Kids TV
- **Mr Joe Ageyo** - Editor in Chief, Nation Media Group

AMPLIFYING SCIENCE VOICES: BLUE ZONE

Global Cooperation Hubs

- **Mr Arif Hossain** - Farming Future Bangladesh (FFB) – GSH Asia
- **Mr Anwar Faruque** - Farming Future Bangladesh (FFB)
- **Dr. Parvathi Nair** - Centre for Sustainable Development and Climate Action, India
- **Ms Sol Guerrero** - Alliance for Science, Mexico – GSH LATAM
- **Ms Dalia Lewi** - REDBIO, Network of Biotechnology Laboratories for Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Ms Florencia Goberna** - Government of Argentina
- **Dr Sheila Obim** - Alliance for Science Foundation, Zambia – GSH Africa
- **Mr Pacifique Nshimiyimana** - Alliance for Science, Rwanda
- **Dr Calista Rakhmatov** - Michigan State University (MSU) – Global North Partners
- **Dr. Manojit Basu** - Science Policy & Regulatory Affairs, CropLife America
- **Dr LaKisha Odom** - Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR), USA

2:00 - 5:00PM

AFTERNOON PLENARY: STRATEGY LAUNCH EVENT

2.30pm – 3.00pm **FEEDBACK SESSION**

Facilitators: **Dr Calista Rakhmatov** – Global Network Specialist/ **Ms Kelly Kussmaul** – Director of Communications, MSU

- **Hon. Michael Onyango** - Feedback on High Level Opening Session
- **Mr Tunji Lardner** - Feedback on Champions Panel
- **Mr Arif Hossain** - Feedback on Global Cooperation Panels

3:00 – 4:00pm **LAUNCH OF THE AFS GLOBAL CONSORTIUM FLAGSHIPS & 5 YEAR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

Facilitator: **Karim Maredia** - Director of International Programmes for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), Michigan State University (MSU)

- **Dr Sivi Katindi** - Longview Consultants; A Futures Exploration of the AFS Global South Hubs
- **Ms Jean Shazima** - AFS; The Impact AFS Report
- **Dr Sheila Obim** - AFS; The Alliance for Science Global Consortium 5 Year Strategy
- **Mr Arif Hossain** - FFB; Launch of Farming Future International (FFI)
- **Ms Ake Mamo and Mr Jote Cika** - AFS; Review the Science Allies Resources Portal

4:30 – 5:00pm Closing Words, Vote of Thanks Action Points, **Prof Karim Maredia**