



SWISS–AFRICA ACADEMIA–INDUSTRY TRAINING

AIT-SASBI Spring Conference 2023

“Social and Tech-driven Innovation for Impact”

Date

22 and 23 February 2023

Hosts

University of Basel (Switzerland): National and International Cooperation
Universities South Africa (USAf) and the
EDHE (Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education) Programme

Venue

Southern Sun O.R. Tambo Hotel, Kempton Park, South Africa

Day 1
Wednesday 22 February 2023

Time	Session / Speaker(s)
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast and registration
	Opening Session
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome Remarks Speaker: Mr Erich Thaler, Senior Manager Global Partnerships, University of Basel
9:10 - 9:20	Welcome Address on behalf of the Hosting Country Speaker: Dr. Phethiwe Matutu, CEO, Universities South Africa (USAf)
9:20 - 9:30	Address on behalf of the Swiss Embassy Speaker: Ms Jacqueline Friedenthal, Science and Technology Counsellor, Swiss Embassy in SA
9:30 - 9:45	Opening Address What does it take to establish an entrepreneurial innovation-for impact- ecosystem? Prof. Dr. Erik Stam, Faculty Director: Center for Entrepreneurship, Utrecht University School of Economics
	Keynotes Day 1
9:00 – 11:55	9:45 - 10:30 Keynote 1: Switzerland and Africa – A study in synergy and symbiosis Speaker: Prof. em. Dr. Edwin Constable, Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Basel
	10:30 -10:45 Coffee / Tea break
	10:45 - 11:15 Keynote Panel Approaching innovation for impact from within an African university Speakers: Prof. P. Ndirangu Kioni, Vice Chancellor, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Kioni (Kenya) Ms. Phatsimo Mosimanegape, Senior Team Leader- Employability & Entrepreneurship Development, Botho University (Botswana), Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, Group CEO, Pertinence Group and Co-Founder, Quanta Africa, (Nigeria)
	11:15 - 11:30 Tech-driven Innovation. Results from the UNECA Technology Transfer Study Speaker: Dr. Victor Konde: Scientific Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia
	11:30 - 11:55 Audience discussion What is the relationship between innovation and technology transfer in your country? Moderator: TBC
11:55 – 13:00	Networking @ Lunch Social exchange and continuation of the audience discussion
12:00 – 12:30	Briefing of start-up presenters
13:00 – 13:10	Introduction and Overview of the afternoon (MC) Introduction of Ms Nanci Govinder as Moderator Introduction of the public to the public voting

13:00 – 17:00	Pitching contest of African startups from South Africa, Rwanda, and Nigeria Moderator: Ms Nanci Govinder	
	13:10 - 13:15	Introduction by Moderator
Start-ups from South Africa		
	13:15 - 13:25	#1 LolaGreen <i>Plastic and industrial waste for synthesizing construction products</i>
	13:25 - 13:35	#2 eRank play <i>Online learning platform (maths)</i>
	13:35 - 13:45	#3 Not presenting
	13:45 - 13:55	#4 Snake Nation <i>Blockchain solution for the creative economy</i>
	13:55 - 14:05	#5 Igugu Clean Tech <i>Tobacco plants for biodiesel production</i>
14:05 - 14:20	Coffee / Tea break	
Start-ups from Rwanda		
	14:20 - 14:30	#6 Renerubuzima <i>Digital Health Platform</i>
	14:30 - 14:40	#7 E-somero <i>Online e-books library</i>
	14:40 - 14:50	#8 Rwanda Green Light <i>Co2 for creating street light energy</i>
Start-ups from Nigeria		
	14:50 - 15:00	#9 NG Trail <i>Enterprise staff learning online tool</i>
	15:00 - 15:10	#10 VAAV's Innovative Solution <i>Power cube with clean electricity for the use of all</i>
	15:10 - 15:20	#11 loTeam <i>Smart irrigation system</i>
15:20 – 15:45	Coffee / Tea break	
	15:45 – 16:00	Jury panel members and startup companies departing into their respective reflection groups
	16:00 – 17:00	Startup reflection group Moderator: Ms Dorina Kühner Speaker: Ms Chido Dzinotywei
		Jury panel convenes for the selection of the winners/ decides on jury panel speaker Facilitator: Mr Erich Thaler
	15:45 – 16:00 16:00 -17:00	Public voting on the start-up favorite MC: <i>recalls company names and explains about technicalities</i> <i>Sareco website with companies on screen display</i> Animation MC
17:00 – 17:20	MC introduces last part of Day 1: Announcement of winners - Jury panel speaker: Announcement of the winning start-ups - MC: Announcement of the public vote Closing remarks for Day 1 Mr Erich Thaler, Dr Norah Clarke	
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner	

Day 2
Thursday 23 February 2023

Time	Session / Speaker(s)	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast and registration	
	Opening Session	
9:00 – 12:15	9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and setting the stage for Day 2 Mr Erich Thaler
		World Café and ZOOM breakaway sessions
		World Café Format: Tables with 2 speakers per country will be set up where participants will engage in questions and discussions with country experts at the individual tables for 45 min., then move to the next table. At the end of each meeting, a rapporteur at each table will summarize the outcome of the discussions. Online: A moderated Swiss/South African specific breakaway session parallel to the on-site World Café
		Keynote Day 2
	9:10 – 9:55	Keynote 1: Sciencepreneurs and their (inter-) cultural challenges when expanding their businesses abroad Speaker: Dr Victoria Galán-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis, UNESCO
	9:55 – 10:15	Discussion with panel members
	10.15 - 10.25	Coffee / Tea break
		World Café: Information on how to do business in SASBI partnering countries
	10:25 – 11:25	Input Panel: Introductory remarks for each country Speakers: Switzerland: Ms Stephanie Labité, Head, Swiss Business Hub in Southern Africa Prof. Dr. Simone Stürwald, Professor for Sustainable Concrete and Structures Mr Stephan Hofer, Attorney at Law Ms Nanci Govinder, Start-up Trainer, Investor, Board Member Nigeria: Prof. Dr. Oyedunni Arulogun, Professor of Health Promotion and Education, and Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ms Ntsiki Mkhize, founder of MentHer, South Africa
	11:25 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:15	First round of world café sessions	
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch Break	
13:15 – 16:15	13:15 – 14:00	Second round of world café sessions
	14:05 – 14:50	Third round of world café sessions
	14:50 - 15:00	Break
	15:00 - 15:30	Group discussion summary by group rapporteurs
	15:30 - 15:50	Reactions, discussions and Q&A in the plenary
	15:50 - 16:15	Break
16:15 - 16:30	Break	
	16:30 - 16:50	Closing Keynote What we can learn from the Swiss Entrepreneurship Ecosystem for Africa: 3 insights from someone who has straddled both worlds. Speaker: Mr. York Zucchi, Founder of The StartUp Tribe
16:50 - 17:00	Summing up & Closing Ceremony Speakers: Moderator / Mr Erich Thaler / Dr Norah Clarke	