



*DRAFT Programme (30.10.2024)*

# **AIT Swiss-Africa Alumni Meeting 2024**

*Sharing knowledge, creating networks*

***"Celebrating 10+ years"***

**Date**

20th - 21st of November 2024

**Hosts**

University of Basel: International Office  
Stellenbosch University, Business School

**Main Venue**

Landscap Stellenbosch

**Hotels**

Devon Valley Hotel / Devonvale Lodge

**AIT Swiss-Africa Alumni Meeting 2024**  
**Pre-event**  
**Tuesday 19th of November 2024**

***Informal get-together***  
 (from 18h00 - 20h30 at the Devonvale Lodge)  
**of all guests arriving on Tuesday - possibility of catching up with colleagues & friends**

**Day 1**  
**Wednesday 20th of November 2024**

Time	Session / Speaker(s)		
	<i>Moderator: Mrs Pauline Koelbl, Founder and CEO of ShEquity</i>		
8:00 - 9:00	Registration, Arrival of guests, Catering		
<b>9:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>		
	9:00 - 9:05	<b>Words of Welcome &amp; Introduction to the AIT Swiss - Africa Alumni Meeting</b>  <b>Speakers:</b> Mrs Pauline Koelbl / Mr Erich Thaler, Senior Manager Global Partnerships, International Office, University of Basel	
	9:05 - 9:15	<b>Welcome Address by the Swiss Embassy tbc</b>	
	9:15 - 9:25	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>by the Conference Co-Host, the Stellenbosch University</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Head International Office Stellenbosch Business School tbc	
	9:25 - 9:35	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>by the South African Funding Body, the Department of Science and Industry DSI</b> <b>Acting Deputy Director-General of Technology &amp; Innovation at DSI</b> Anneline Morgan, tbc	
	9:35 - 09:55	<b>Keynote I:</b> <b>Dr McLean Sibanda (confirmed)</b> <b>Topic: "An Innovator's Scaling Up Journey: Choosing the right support systems and Managing IP"</b>	
	9:55 - 10:45	<b>Panel Discussion with company champions and Investors</b> <b>Topic: tbd</b>	
	10:45 - 11:00	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>	
	11:00 - 11:05	<b>Parallel Session I</b>	<b>Parallel Session II</b>
		<b>Introduction to Round Table with Investors</b>	<b>Internationalisation and Intercultural Competence</b>
11:05 - 12:00	<b>Round Table with Investors</b>	<b>Speakers:</b> Dr.Tanja Popović, Head International Office Uni Basel  International Office, Stellenbosch Business School SUN tbd.	
<b>12:00 – 13:20</b>	<b>Dotty networking @Lunch</b>		
<b>13:30 - 17:00</b>	13:20 - 13:25	<b>Introduction of Lightning Talk by MC</b>	<b>Start: 12.:30 - 13:20</b> <b>1:1 Investor Meeting</b>
	13:25 - 14:30	<b>Lightning Talk (all group members):</b> Startups sharing their experiences, challenges, successes with regards to team building, market access, investor readiness, etc. in 5 minute talks each; Lightning talk II in 2 sub-groups (early-stage; growth stage)  <b>Moderated by:</b> Nick Draeger (confirmed) & MC	<b>1:1 Investor Meeting</b>
	14:30 - 15:00	<b>Plenary:</b> <b>Outcomes of the Lightning Talks</b>	<b>1:1 Investor Meeting</b>
	<b>15:00 - 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>	<b>1:1 Investor Meeting</b>

15:30 - 16:10	<b>Presentation of Innovus - Success Stories</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Anita Nel, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Innovus tbc	1:1 Meeting Prof. Simone Stürwald
16:10 - 16:20	<b>Closing Remarks for Day 1</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Mr Erich Thaler, Senior Manager Global Partnerships, University of Basel	
<b>16:30 - 21:00</b>	<b>Networking &amp; Celebration at Landscap</b>	
17:00 - 17:45	<b>Short overview on Swiss - South African wine makers collaboration -</b> Swiss and South African Wine Growers talk about wine production in the Cape Winelands <b>Speakers:</b> Swiss and South African wine makers; Johann Krige of Kanonkop conf. and Swiss wine maker tbc	
17:45 - 19:15	<b>Wine tasting</b> <b>Addresses of the Excellencies from Embassies of Switzerland, Rwanda and Nigeria as from the South African Department of Science and Industry DSI tbc</b> going over to <b>Dinner-Bufferet</b>	
19:15 - 21:00	<b>Celebration of the AIT Swiss-Africa Program</b>	
<b>End of Day 1</b>		

Day 2 Thursday 21st of November 2024		
Time	Session / Speaker(s)	
8:00 – 9:00	Arrival & Coffee	
9:00 - 12:45	<b>Opening Session</b>	
	9:00 – 9:10	<b>Welcome and setting the stage for Day 2</b> MC presents highlights of Day 1 and gives an overview of Day 2
	9:10 - 09:25	<b>Keynote II: Jordi Montserrat</b> (joining online) <b>Company growth and role of networks and knowledge sharing</b>
	09:25 - 10:25	<b>Followed by Panel: Jordi + Investors + Company leaders</b>
	10:25 - 10:40	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>
	10:40 - 12:00	<b>World Café “Knowledge Sharing and Creating Networks”</b> <b>Moderated by:</b> Prof. Simone Stürwald Idea generation on how to expand on the knowledge sharing & carry the alumni network further
	12:00 - 12:30	<b>Presentation of the results (World Café).</b> Rapporteurs of the groups
	12:30 - 12:45	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Summary of Day 2</b> <b>Speakers:</b> MC Pauline Koelbl & Erich Thaler, University of Basel
<b>12:45 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>End of the AIT Swiss-Africa Alumni Meeting 2024</b>		