



*FINAL PROGRAM*

# **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, Stellenbosch Business School

**Main Venue**

Landscap Stellenbosch

**Hotels**

Devon Valley Hotel / Devonvale Golf & Wine Estate

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

**WalkAbout tour in Stellenbosch**  
 13h00 - 17h00 (for those who are interested)

**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**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session / Speaker(s)</b>		
	<i>Moderator: Pauline Koelbl, Founder and CEO of AfriProspect GmbH and ShEquity</i>		
8:00 - 8:30	Registration, Arrival & Coffee		
<b>8:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>		
	8:30 - 8:40	<b>Words of Welcome &amp; Introduction to the AIT Swiss - Africa Alumni Meeting</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Pauline Koelbl & Erich Thaler, Senior Manager Global Partnerships, International Office, University of Basel	
	8:40 - 8:55	<b>Welcome Address by the Swiss Embassy</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Consul Richard Jud, Deputy Head of Consulate General of Switzerland & Jacqueline Friedenthal, Swiss Science & Technology Counsellor	
	8:55 - 9:10	<b>Welcome Address by the South Africa Department of Science, Technology &amp; Innovation</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Anneline Morgan, Chief Director	
	9:10 - 9:20	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>by the Conference Co-Host, the Stellenbosch University</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Euan Phimister, Professor of Development Finance at University of Stellenbosch Business School	
	9:20 - 09:35	<b>Keynote I:</b> <b>McLean Sibanda</b> , Managing Director at Bigen Global Limited <b>Topic: "An Innovator's Scaling Up Journey: Choosing the right support systems and Managing IP"</b>	
	9:35 - 10:25	<b>Panel Discussion with company champions and investors</b> <b>Topic:</b> The Pathway to Value Creation: Transforming Ideas into Scalable Innovations  McLean Sibanda, Bigen Global Marlize Holtzhausen, 911 Response24 Yemi Keri, Heckerbella Gert-Jan van Rooyen, Octoco  <b>Moderator:</b> Pauline Koelbl	
	10:25 - 10:50	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>	
	10:50 - 11:30	<b>Internationalisation and Intercultural Competence</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Tanja Popović, Head International Office, University of Basel & Werner de Wit, Senior Programme Manager, Unit for Student Mobility, Centre of Global Engagement, Operations Coordinator: UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competence Stellenbosch University International	
	11:30 - 11:35	<b>Introduction to Round Table with Investors : Pauline Koelbl</b>	
	11:35 - 12:30	<b>Round Table with Investors</b>	
<b>12:30 – 13:20</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>13:20 – 17:45</b>	13:20 - 13:25	<b>Introduction of Lightning Talk by Pauline Koelbl</b>	<b>1:1 Investor Meeting</b>
	13:25 - 14:30	<b>Lightning Talk:</b> Startups sharing their experiences, challenges, successes with regards to team building, market access, investor readiness, etc. in 5 minute talks each  Manuel Seiffe, MPower Ventures, Cleantech Anne Grobler, BioPher, Biotech Gokul Nair, Impulse Biomedical, Medtech Khilona Radia, Antrum Biotech, Biotech Daniel Chiumia, Chiweto, Agritech Marlize Holtzhausen, 911 Response24, ICT Burt Rodrigues, Biodx, Biotech  <b>Moderated by:</b> Nick Draeger, Founder and Director at Cederberg & Pauline Koelbl	<b>1:1 Investor Meeting</b>

14:30 - 15:00	<b>Plenary: Outcomes of the Lightning Talks</b>	1:1 Investor Meeting
<b>15:00 - 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>	1:1 Investor Meeting
15:30 - 16:10	<b>Presentation of Innovus - Success Stories</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Anita Nel, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Innovus	1:1 Meeting Simone Stürwald
16:10 - 16:20	<b>Driving Global Growth</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Stéphanie Labité, Head of Swiss Business Hub Southern & Eastern Africa	
16:20 - 17:00	<b>Talk between a Swiss and a South African wine makers and their wine production in the Cape Winelands</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Johann Krige of Kanonkop and Luca Bein of Bein Wine	
17:00 - 17:10	<b>Closing Remarks for Day 1</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Erich Thaler, Senior Manager Global Partnerships, University of Basel	
17:10 - 17:45	<b>Wine Tasting</b>	
<b>18:30 - 21:00</b>	<b>Evening Program:</b> <b>Dinner, Networking &amp; Celebration at the Landscap</b>	
18:30 - 21:00	<b>Dinner- seated &amp;</b> <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	
<b>9:00 - 12:45</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>	
	9:00 – 9:10	<b>Welcome and setting the stage for Day 2</b> Pauline Koelbl presents highlights of Day 1 and gives an overview of Day 2
	9:10 - 09:25	<b>Keynote II:</b> <b>Jordi Montserrat</b> , Co Founder and managing partner Venturelab (joining online) <b>Topic:</b> Company growth and role of networks and knowledge sharing
	09:25 - 10:25	<b>Followed by Panel Discussion</b> <b>Topic:</b> Company growth and role of networks and knowledge sharing  Jordi Montserrat, Venturelab Manuel Seiffe, MPower Ventures Alexandra Fraser, Viridian Bandile Dlabantu, Khepri Biosciences Kekeletso Khena, K Squared Group  <b>Moderator:</b> Pauline Koelbl
	10:25 - 10:40	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>
	10:40 - 12:00	<b>World Café “Knowledge Sharing and Building Networks”</b> <b>Moderated by:</b> Simone Stürwald, Professor at Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences 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 / Summary of Day 2</b> <b>Speakers:</b> 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>		