



PROGRAMME
SADC Open Science Workshop
"Democratising Knowledge through Open Science"
27 August 2024

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Programme Director: Prof Francesco Petruccione, ASSAf Member & Director National Institute for Theoretical and Computational Sciences (NITheCS)

09:00-09:05	Opening	Prof Francesco Petruccione
09:05-09:10	Welcome remarks on behalf of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)	Prof Himla Soodyall Executive Officer, ASSAf
09:10-09:15	Message from the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)	Dr Sagren Moodley Director, Basic Sciences, DSI
09:15-09:20	Message from the Pan-African Parliament (PAP)	Mr Jan Jalloh Head of Documentation and Library Unit, PAP
09:20-09:25	Message from United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)	Mr Carlton Mukwevho Secretary-General, South African National Commission for UNESCO
09:25-09:55	Keynote presentation	Mrs Susan Veldsman Director, Scholarly Publishing Programme, ASSAf
10:00-10:05	Introductions: OS Stakeholders	Prof Francesco Petruccione
10:05-10:15	African Open Science Platform (AOSP)	Dr Tshiamo Motshegwa Director, AOSP
10:15-10:25	Network of African Science Academies (NASAC)	Prof Irvy (Igle) Gledhill ASSAf Member & NASAC Board Member (Vice-President for International Relations and Scientific Affairs)
10:25-10:35	Southern African Development Community (SADC)	Mr Reaboka Morakabi Programme Officer for Science, Technology and Innovation, SADC Secretariat
10:35-10:45	Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC)	Mr Mervyn Christoffels Director, CHPC
10:45-10:55	BREAK	



Meeting resumes

10:55-11:05	Data Intensive Research Initiative of South Africa (DIRISA)	Dr Anwar Vahed Director, DIRISA
11:05-11:15	South African National Research Network (SANReN) & UbuntuNet Alliance	Mr Sabelo Dlamini Director, SANReN
11:15-11:25	South African Centre for Digital Language Resources (SADiLaR)	Prof Langa Khumalo Executive Director, SADiLaR
11:25-11:35	National Institute for Theoretical and Computational Sciences (NITHeCS)	Prof Francesco Petruccione
11:35-12:00	Q&A/ Discussion	Prof Francesco Petruccione
12:00-12:05	Introductions: SADC Academies of Science	Dr Melusi Thwala SAP and Strategic Partnerships Manager, ASSAf
12:05-12:45	Panel Discussion	Prof Francesco Petruccione PANEL MEMBERS: Dr Elizabeth Bandason Secretary General, Malawi Academy of Science (MAS) & Senior Lecturer in Entomology, Lilongwe University of Agriculture (Malawi) Dr Makhamisa Senekane Member of the Lesotho Academy of Science and Technology & Information and Communication Technology (ICT) expert (Lesotho) Dr Joseph Mwelwa Member of the Botswana Academy of Science (BAS) & founder and Chief Executive Officer, Joint Minds Consult Institute (Botswana) Dr Thabile Ndlovu President of the Kingdom of Eswatini Academy of Sciences & Senior Lecturer, Chemistry Department, University of Eswatini Prof Gabriel Kabanda Vice-president of the Zimbabwe Academy of Sciences (ZAS) & Head of Doctoral Programmes, College of Law and Management Studies: Graduate School of Business & Leadership, University of Kwazulu-Natal (South Africa)
12:45-13:00	The way forward	Prof Francesco Petruccione
13:00-13:10	Summary & Closing Thank you	Dr Melusi Thwala SAP and Strategic Partnerships Manager, ASSAf