FULL PROGRAMME

NOTE: All times are in GMT

		DAY 1
CONFERENCE	08:00 – 09:40	**Session 1: Multidisciplinary Research - Quality and Synergy in Collaborative Research** - Welcome and introduction (08:00-09:00) - Keynote speech: "_Importance of Multidisciplinary Research in Advancing Knowledge_" **(Prof Oyewole Tomori)** (09:00-09:30) - Summary and Q&A (9:30-9:40)
	SHORT BREAK (5 minutes)	
	09:45 – 10:25	**Session 2: Climate Change and the State of Food Security in Africa** - Keynote speech: "_Addressing Climate Change on Food Security in Africa_" **(Prof Olubukola Babalola)** (09:45-10:15) - Summary and Q&A (10:15-10:25)
	SHORT BREAK (5 minutes)	
	10:30 – 12:00	**Breakout sessions: Oral abstract presentations** - Parallel sessions (According to Sub-themes) - Q&A and discussion with presenters
	LUNCH BREAK (12.00-12.30)	
BOOTCAMP	12:30 – 14:00	**Games and Training of Soft Skills** - Introduction and welcome - Icebreaker activity or game to engage participants
		Visibility and Personal Branding as a Young Researcher - Presentation: "Enhancing Your Visibility as a Young African Researcher" - Discussion: Challenges and experiences faced by young African researchers. - Q&A session with participants to address specific concerns
	SHORT BREAK (10 minutes)	

	14:10 – 15:20	Training on Soft Skills for Researchers - Workshop: "Developing Essential Soft Skills for Research Success" - Interactive exercises and activities on communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills - Tips and strategies for effective time management and work-life balance
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	**DAY 2**	
	08:00 – 10:30	Session 3: Gender Issues in research productivity and impact in Africa - Welcome and introduction (08:00-08:30) - Panel Discussion: (1) "Gender Perspectives in African Research and Development" and (2) "Promoting Gender Equality in African Research" (08:30-10:00) - Summary and Q&A (10:00-10:30)
	SHORT BREAK (10 minutes)	
	10:40 – 12:00	Breakout sessions: Poster abstract presentations - Various presenters showcase their research posters in virtual breakout rooms by Sub-themes. - Attendees can engage in discussions and ask questions
**LUNCH BREAK (12:00-12:30)**	
BOOTCAMP	12:30 – 14:00	Proposal Development Training - Recap of the previous day - Lectures on the Introduction to the importance of effective proposal development
		Subgroup Discussion on Proposal Development - Subgroups thematic assignment – proposal development or case study review. - Guided discussion and brainstorming.

		- Group presentations of their proposals with feedback and insights from facilitators
	SHORT BREAK (10 minutes)	
	14:10 – 15:20	Subgroup Discussion Continued - Subgroups continuation on the proposal development tasks. - Additional guidance and support from facilitators - Finalizing proposals and preparing for presentations on Day 3
END OF DAY 2		

DAY 3		
CONFERENCE	08:00 – 09:40	Session 4: African Sociocultural Beliefs and Norms: Challenges and Prospects on Research Quality - Welcome and introduction (08:00-08:30) Keynote speech: "*Understanding Sociocultural Contexts in African Research*" (**Professor James K. Kewir**) (08:30-09:00) - Summary and Q&A (09:00-09:40)
	SHORT BREAK (5 minutes)	
	09:45 – 10:30	Session 5: African Government and Non-governmental Organizations- Contributions towards Research Institutions and Infrastructural Development - Keynote speech: "*The Role of Government and NGOs in Research Development*" (**Prof. Alinah Segobye**) (09:45-10:15) - Summary and Q&A (10:15-10:25)
	SHORT BREAK (5 minutes)	
	10:30 – 12:00	Breakout sessions: Oral abstract presentations - Parallel sessions (According to Sub-themes) - Q&A and discussion with presenters
LUNCH BREAK (12:00-12:30)		
BOOTCAMP	12:30 – 13:30	Ten-Minute Presentations and Networking - Recap of the previous day's activities

		- Session 1: Training on Self-Learning and Networking
		Workshop: "Mastering Self-Learning Techniques for Continuous Growth" - Strategies for effective self-learning, staying updated with research trends, and accessing relevant resources. - Discussion on networking opportunities and building professional connections
	13:30 – 14:30	**Imparting Knowledge to the Community and Policy Makers** - Presentation: "Communicating Research to a Wider Audience: Community Engagement and Policy Influence" - Techniques for effectively translating research findings for non-academic audiences. - Discussing ways to engage with policymakers and contribute to evidence-based decision-making
		Ten-Minute Presentations - Participants present their finalized proposals or research projects in 10-minute presentations. - Q&A sessions and feedback from facilitators and fellow participants
CLOSING SESSION:		
14:30 – 15:00	- Summary of key takeaways from each day's conference and bootcamp sessions - Closing remarks and acknowledgments - Announcement of future conferences or events	

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