

Launching the Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA)

And Announcing:

- Grand Challenges Africa
- Developing Excellence in Leadership, Training and Science (DELTAS) Africa Initiative awards

LAUNCH PROGRAMME – 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Media Breakfast- Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA)

Thursday September 10, 2015 08:00 – 10:20 am, Serena Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

7:30 – 8:00	Registration
8:00 – 8:10	Welcome remarks (Berhanu Abegaz, AAS and Aggrey Ambali, NEPAD)
8:10 – 8:15	Introductions (Patricia Amira, Moderator)
8:15 – 8:20	Presenting AESA (Tom Kariuki, AESA)
8:20 – 8:25	Announcing the DELTAS grants (Simon Kay, Wellcome Trust)
8:25 – 8:30	Highlighting the UK's commitment to innovation (Julia Kemp, UK Department for International Development)
8:30 – 8:35	Announcing Grand Challenges Africa (Haddis Tadesse, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
8:35 – 8:40	Grand Challenges grantee perspective (Fredros Okumu, Ifakara Health Institute)
8:40 – 8:45	DELTAS grantee perspective (Abdoulaye Djimde, University of Science, Techniques and Technologies of Bamako)
8:45 – 8:50	Panel closing and introduction of GoK Representative (Patricia Amira, Moderator)
8:50 – 9:00	Remarks: Kenya's commitment to science leadership (Cabinet Secretary for Education Science and Technology)
9:00 – 9:10	Keynote statement: HE President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of Mauritius
9:10 – 9:55	Q&A
9:55 – 10:25	1:1 interviews
10:30	Departure to Villa Rosa Kempinski

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Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA) Scientific Programme Meeting - The Future of Africa's R&D

Thursday September 10, 2015 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Villa Rosa Kempinski Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Agenda

- 11.00 – 12.00 Registration
- 12.00 -1.30 Luncheon
- 1:30 – 1:40 Welcome Remarks
Berhanu Abegaz, Executive Director, African Academy of Sciences
- 1:40 – 1:45 Introduction of Opening Speaker, Panelists & Moderator
Tom Kariuki, Director, Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa
- 1:45 – 2:00 Opening Statement by **Martial De-Paul Ikounga, Commissioner of Human Resources, Science and Technology for the African Union**: “The Vision for the African Union’s Science, Technology, and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA) 2024 to translate into innovative approaches, led by local agents of change”
- 2:00 – 2:45 Panel: Harnessing Global and Local partnerships: The Future of Africa’s R&D
Moderator: Patricia Amira
- Panelists:
Bhattacharya Kamal, IBM Africa
Glenda Gray, South Africa Medical Research Council/Grand Challenges South Africa
Kevin Moses, Wellcome Trust
Haddis Tadesse, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Africa office
Kevin Marsh, African Academy of Sciences
Abdoulaye Djimde, University of Science Techniques & Technologies, Bamako, Mali
- 2.45 – 3:20 Q & A with panelists.
- 3:20 – 3:30 Concluding Remarks: NEPAD Approach to Support Science, Technology and Innovation Programmes
Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD Agency
- 3:30 – 4:00 Coffee Break and Transition to Launch Ceremony

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Launch Ceremony: Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa

Thursday September 10, 2015 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Kempinski Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

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| 4:00 – 4:20 | Welcome Remarks
Aderemi Kuku - AAS President
Ibrahim Mayaki - CEO, NEPAD Agency |
| 4:20 – 4:25 | About the Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA)
Tom Kariuki- Director, AESA |
| 4:25 – 4:30 | Announcing the Wellcome Trust's support for Science in Africa through the Developing Excellence in Leadership, Training And Science (DELTAS) Initiative
Kevin Moses- Director of Science, Wellcome Trust |
| 4:30 – 4:35 | Announcing the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's support for science in Africa
Haddis Tadesse, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation |
| 4:35 – 4:40 | Announcing the UK Government's support for science in Africa
HE Christian Turner – British High Commissioner to Kenya |
| 4:40 – 4:50 | Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Cabinet Secretary of Education, Science and Technology |
| 4:50-5:00 | Address by the AU Commissioner
Martial De Paul Ikounga |
| 5:00 – 5:15 | Address by Chief Guest/Representative of the Kenyan Presidency.
Pledging the Government of Kenya's support for African Science through AAS-AESA |
| 5:15 – 5:30 | Keynote address: HE Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of Mauritius
The support of African governments for R&D in Africa |
| 5.30 – 6.00 | Unveiling a symbol of African Science – 3D Replica of the Ishango Bone
HE Ameenah Gurib-Fakim,
Representative of UN/UNESCO, DRC Congo, Belgium
Assisted by Berhanu Abegaz- AAS |
| 6: 00– 7:00 | Reception and closure |

MC: Evelyn Gitau (AAS) & Tom Kariuki (AAS