

**SCIENCE  
EUROPE**  
Shaping the future of research



# COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND AFRICA

Best practice, future possibilities, and the role of Science Europe

Tallinn | 30 October 2024

## Context

### **Cooperation between Europe and Africa – best practice, future possibilities, and the role of Science Europe**

Science Europe and its Member Organisations share an ambition to develop opportunities for cross-border collaboration to support excellence in science. Recognising that we should no longer categorise the world into the Global North and Global South, as we are one world, facing common challenges, Science Europe is launching a new series of workshops on this theme, between our members and different world regions, one at a time. The first workshop will focus on cooperation with Africa.

The GRC is key in developing our cooperation with the regions of the world, and Science Europe is supporting European organisations to that end. Also, the recently established Multilateral Engagement working group will help in our efforts to maintain and even increase our international cooperation in times of geopolitical challenges. Heads of Research Councils from fourteen African countries participated in the GRC Annual meeting in Interlaken, indicating a promising level of increased cooperation.

## Objective

The first workshop in Tallinn on 30 October, following the European GRC Regional Meeting, will focus on Africa-Europe co-operation. Selected European and African countries will share existing good practices and opportunities for future co-operation.

The specific questions for all the sessions are presented in the programme below.

# Meeting agenda

## Co-operation between Europe and Africa - Best practices and future possibilities, and the role of Science Europe

Time: 12:00 – 17:00 EET

Date: 30 October 2024

Location: Tallinn, Estonia

## Agenda

12.00-13.00 Registration

13.30 -17.00 Discussions on Europe-Africa Cooperation

- **Alice de Ceita e Almeida**, the Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Innovation, Angola (*tbc*)
- **Eudy Mabuza**, Senior Science and Innovation Representative, Brussels, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
- **Lesego M. Thamae**, Ministry of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, Botswana (*tbc*)
- **Habtamu Abera Goshu**, Chief Executive Officer of National Research Development, Ministry of Innovation and Technology; Research Grant Council (RGC) Secretary and Chair; Focal Person of Research Grant Council of Ethiopia
- **Yaya Sangare**, Secretary General, FONSTI, Ivory Coast
- **Cephas Adjei Mensah**, Head of Research Council, Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), Ghana (*tbc*)

### Questions For Discussion

1. How can we further develop and increase co-operation between Africa and Europe?
2. What are the preferred approaches to co-operation from an African perspective?
3. How can we develop our future co-operation based on reciprocity and equitable partnerships?