

# Cooperation Lounge Africa-Europe: Science meets Politics

Tuesday, 10 December 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU, Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels

## High-Level Networking Event

**Moderation: Melanie Schulte, Bavarian Research Alliance**

Simultaneous Interpretation English – French / French – English

- 5:30 – 6:30 pm    **Registration**  
**Poster Exhibition and Pre-reception with African Finger Food**
- 6:30 – 6:45 pm    **Welcome**  
**Eric Beißwenger**, State Minister for European and International Affairs,  
Government of the Free State of Bavaria  
**Mohamed Igueh Ofleh**, Deputy Head of Mission of the African Union  
Permanent Mission to the European Union, Senior Economist
- 6:45 – 7:00 pm    **Keynote Speech**  
**Nicola Bellomo**, Head of the Pan-African Division, European External  
Action Service, European Union
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm    **Panel Discussion:** “How to enhance the dialogue between science and  
policy for African-European research and innovation activities?”  
**Moderator: Alison April**, Director International Stakeholder Engagement  
- Europe, Stellenbosch University International
- Panellists:**
- **Professor Willem Fourie**, Project Lead of the Policy Innovation Lab,  
School for Data Science and Computational Thinking, Stellenbosch  
University
  - **Professor John O. Gyapong**, Secretary-General, African Research  
Universities Alliance (ARUA)
  - **Dr Vincenzo Lorusso**, Policy Officer in the DG Research and  
Innovation (DG RTD) of the European Commission; in charge of the  
Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation with the African  
Union and bilateral R&I cooperation with Rwanda, Nigeria and South  
Africa
  - **Dr Daphne Keilmann-Gondhalekar**, Research Scientist at Chair of  
Urban Water Systems Engineering, Technical University of Munich
  - **Eudy Mabuza**, Senior Science and Innovation Representative,  
Embassy of the Republic of South Africa, Brussels
- 8:00 – 8:15 pm    **Project Presentation: INCiTIS Food**  
**Dr Emmanuel Benjamin**, University of the Bundeswehr Munich
- 8:15 – 10:00 pm    **Reception with Bavarian Food & Poster Exhibition**

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### Interactive Workshop

**Moderation: Tim Uebelen, Bavarian Research Alliance**

Event language: English

9:00 – 9:15 am      **Registration**

9:15 – 9:30 am      **Welcome**

**Keynote: Introduction to Science-Policy and Science-Diplomacy**  
**Angela Schindler-Daniels**, DLR Projektträger and former Chair, EU  
Science Diplomacy Alliance

9:30 – 11:30 am    **Interactive Workshop/World-Café:**  
**Developing Suggestions for Improving Cooperation in African**  
**and European Research and Innovation Projects**

#### Room 1: Calls for Proposals

Table Moderators:

- **Professor Carsten Lorz**, Vice President for International Affairs and Diversity, University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf
- **Sean Rowlands**, Senior Policy Officer for International Cooperation, The Guild, Brussels
- **Dr Harison Kipkulei**, Research Group for Climate Resilience of Human-made Ecosystems, University of Augsburg

#### Room 2: Project Implementation and Management

Table Moderators:

- **Dr Celine Dondéynaz**, Project Advisor, European Research Executive Agency
- **Anna Stegmann**, Bavarian Research Alliance, Scientific Coordination Office Bavaria-Africa
- **Dr Shem Kuyah**, Senior Lecturer at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)

#### Room 3: Equitable Cooperation between Africa and Europe in Research and Innovation

Table Moderators:

- **Professor Isabella Aboderin**, Chair in Africa Research and Partnerships and Director of the Perivoli Africa Research Institute (PARC) / Africa Charter, University of Bristol
- **Dr Nico Elema**, Director of Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University International
- **Dr Kathrin Knodel**, International Affairs, German Research Foundation (DFG)

11:30 – 12:00 am    **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 12:30 pm    **Synthesis of Group Results & Closing**

12:30 – 2 pm        **Lunch**