

Debate on 'Bridging universities to industries'



Online event



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14.00-15.30 CET

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TOPIC

Unlocking innovation to accelerate sustainable development requires collaboration, between industry, government, academia and the society. While integrating research and education is generally straightforward, **building partnerships between industry and academia** remains challenging, as well as engaging with civil society organizations. As highlighted in the AU-EU Innovation Agenda Working Document, the African continent is lacking knowledge exchange and technology transfer capabilities.

The aim of the webinar is to explore the topic of **university-industry collaboration** and to address three questions:

- What do we know about university-industry linkages in Africa?
- How to enhance these links through policy-making?
- Which are the best practices for successful collaborations?

PROGRAMME

- **Opening** of the virtual waiting room
- **Introduction** of the topic and speakers
- **Presentations from speakers:** an overview of the topic, its importance, opportunities, challenges and best practices
- **Q&A session**
- **Wrapping up of the webinar** (practical take-away and conclusion)

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SPEAKERS



Dr. Maurice Bolo - He is Director of the Scinnovent Center, a policy research and training centre linking science, innovation and enterprise in Africa. Holding a PhD in Innovation, Technology and Development Policy from The Open University (United Kingdom), he is the author of the study "Strengthening research and industry collaborations in Africa".



Prof. Tom Peter Migun Ogada - Chairman of the Board of the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) and Executive Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies (an intergovernmental STI think tank), he also chaired the OACPS Policy Support Facility service in Kenya. This service assisted the country in developing guidelines to enhance technology transfer/commercialisation and coordination of innovation hubs. He has been a consultant of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) since 2000 on issues of intellectual property (IP), technology transfer and commercialization of R&D outputs.



Prof. Keolebogile Shirley Motaung - Full Professor, biomedical scientist with international recognition in the field of stem cells, tissue engineering, and regenerative medicine, she is also Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research Innovation & Engagement at the Durban University of Technology. Prof. Motaung is passionate about capacity building, drawing on her 24 years of experience in Higher Education to supervise postgraduate students and mentor emerging researchers with a special focus on women in STEM research. She trains her postgraduate students not only on how to become scientists but also on how to become entrepreneurs.

USEFUL RESOURCES

- [Towards guidelines for enhancing technology transfer/commercialisation and coordination of Innovation hubs in Kenya](#) - OACPS R&I PROGRAMME, 2022
- [What do we know about university-industry linkages in Africa?](#) - Rabii Outamba, 2020
- [Strengthening research - industry collaborations in Africa](#) - Maurice Bolo, 2020
- [Perspective of industry's engagement with african universities](#) - Creso Sá, 2015
- [Strengthening university-industry linkages in africa: a study on institutional capacities and gaps](#)- John SsebuwufU, 2012