

AGENDA

Africa Week 2025: 40 years – African Academy of Sciences

Thursday 29 May 2025

9:00 - 11:00am (SAST)

Session	Speakers	Time
Opening remarks “40 Years of the African Academy of Sciences: Celebrating Impact and Looking Ahead”	Prof Lise Korsten	09:00 – 09:20
Advancing transdisciplinary research and capacity building in Africa: Case studies from: Namibia, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, and Tanzania	Dr Jessica Nosizwe Thorn	09:20 – 09:30
	Dr Bessie Malila	09:30 – 09:40
Wonderings from the desert - my lessons from an ARISE fellowship in Namibia	Dr Graeme Hoddinott	09:40 – 09:50
Empowering African Health Researchers: My Reflections of being an APTI Grantee	Dr Olivia Matshabane	09:50 – 10:00
Building Africa’s Research Future: My Journey with AESA-RISE and the African Academy of Sciences	Prof Michael Oluwatosin Bodunrin	10:00 – 10:10
Forty Years of Scientific Impact: Milestones, Lessons, and the Future of African Science Leadership	Dr James Mushori	10:10 – 10:20
Strategic Science for Africa’s Future: Strengthening STI Policy, Governance, and Partnerships	Prof Nkem Nkhumbah	10:20 – 10:30

Advancing Science in Africa with Large-scale Scientific Infrastructure	Prof Simon Connell	10:30 – 10:40
The “A Celebration of Africa with Poems”	Prof Hilary “BrownBard” Inyang, Fellow, AAS	10:40-10:50
Session discussion	Moderated	10:50- 11:00