



## Engaging scientists in Africa to support the implementation of Agendas 2030 and 2063

- **Background/Short Description of the Event:**

The implementation of Agendas 2063 and 2030 will require the best minds, resources and innovations from all sectors and with all parts of society embracing them. It will also require learning lessons from previous pan-African policy frameworks.

This side event will explore how the African science community is endeavouring to play its part and engage with these Agendas, through the lens of national merit-based academies of science in the region. The session will discuss how the science-policy interface might be strengthened across Africa through interactive discussion between the panellists and wider participants, and drawing on lessons learned from previous continental STI policy frameworks.

This event is pertinent to all aspects of STISA-2024 and all SDGs, most particularly SDG-17 because of its focus on strong and effective partnership and on good governance.

- **Objectives:**

To foster strong and effective partnerships between academics and policymakers in the region, and in doing so strengthen the science-policy interface

- **Expected Outcomes:**

This session can help address:

- how scientists/academics can better play their part in supporting the implementation of the SDGs (underpinning Agenda 2030) and STISA (underpinning Agenda 2063) in Africa;
- how the science-policy interface be strengthened at national and regional levels;
- where science/academia help plug gaps in knowledge (the “evidence base”) for the regional implementation of the SDGs and STISA, including supporting follow-up and review, and monitoring processes;
- what we can learn from previous STI policy frameworks for the continent;
- how partnerships between policymakers and academia can best support the implementation of the 2063 and 2030 Agendas in Africa.

- **Target audience:**

- National and regional policymakers and government representatives
- Representatives from academia, universities, research institutions, national science academies
- Development agencies and international donors

- **Date, Venue and Time: 3 May 2018; King Fahd Palace Hotel, Salon Saint Louis; 13:00-14:30**
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