

Africa-UniNet 3rd General Assembly | Draft programme 26.4.23

13-15 September 2023

Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)
Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2
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The aim of the 3rd General Assembly meeting is to deepen established partnerships between institutions in Austria and countries in Africa, to further strengthen Africa-UniNet and to strategically enhance its visibility and impact. The results of Africa-UniNet projects will be presented and discussed in scientific sessions. Questions on the decolonisation of knowledge and forms of cooperation between science and practice will be addressed.

Tuesday, 12 September 2023

Arrival and free evening

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration & coffee**

Room: Festsaal

Moderator: (tbc)

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening remarks**

Martin Polaschek, Austrian Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research (tbc)

Heinz Faßmann, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Hubert Hasenauer, President of Africa-UniNet, BOKU

Nzula Kitaka, Vice-President of Africa-UniNet, Egerton University (tbc)

Jakob Calice, Managing Director, OeAD (tbc)

10:30 – 12:00 **Keynote address**

Decolonising knowledge (working title), Department of African Studies, University of Vienna / *Decoloniality of Research and Learning Methods* (working title) (tbc)

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch break, meet the press and rectors' circle**

Scientific programme: Presenting the results of Africa-UniNet projects

Rooms: Festsaal, Johannessaal and Sitzungssaal

Moderators:

13:30 – 15:00 **Oral presentations | parallel sessions I**

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 – 17:00 **Oral presentations | parallel sessions II**

Venue: Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)

18:00 – 20:00 **Reception by Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research
Martin Polaschek**

Thursday, 14 September 2023

Room: Sitzungssaal / Johannessaal

Moderator:

09:00 – 10:00 **Bridging the gap between research and practice**

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Bridging the gap between research and practice**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

Africa-UniNet General Assembly Meeting

Room: Sitzungssaal

Chair and co-chair: Africa-UniNet President Hubert Hasenauer (BOKU) and Africa-UniNet Vice-President Nzula Kitaka (Egerton University)

13:00 – 17:00 **Programme to be defined, including coffee break**

18:00 – 21:00 **Reception**

Friday, 15 September 2023

09:30 – 16:00 Excursion: Vienna's Water Supply, Kaiserbrunn
including lunch

Departure of participants

What is “Kaiserbrunn”?

We visit “Kaiserbrunn”, or “Emperor’s Well” from where the drinking water of the city of Vienna comes from. The place is located south of Vienna in the province of Styria in the Rax-Schneeberg region at the edge of the eastern Austrian lime stone Alps. Mountainous climate with a lot of rain and snow during the winter time provides excellent conditions for drinking water. Historically, it was the hunting area for the Franz Josef the emperor of the Austrian-Hungarian empire. During the 19th century, Vienna experienced an enormous population increase which resulted in a shortage of water especially for poor people. Emperor Franz Josef decided to construct the first water pipeline which was opened in 1864 after 9 years of construction. 1910 a second water pipeline was opened. The pipeline is about 180 km long, the water flows only with gravity and at a speed of 5 km/h from the Rax/Schneeberg region to the city of Vienna and takes about 36 hours to reach the city. The forest of the water catchment is owned and managed by the city of Vienna with the focus to ensure high quality drinking water for about 2 million people in Vienna. We will visit the well, the water museum and enjoy the mountainous landscape of the region.



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