

Programme

13-15 September 2023

Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW)

Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2

1010 Vienna

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 the interconnection between the academic world and social reality will be discussed.

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

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

Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Festsaal

Moderator: Stella Asiimwe, Weltmuseum Wien

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening Remarks**

Hubert Hasenauer, President of Africa-UniNet, BOKU

Nzula Kitaka, Vice-President of Africa-UniNet, Egerton University

Heinz Fassmann, President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Heribert Buchbauer, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Jakob Calice, Managing Director, OeAD

10:30 – 12:00 **Keynote Address: Decolonizing Knowledge Systems in Scientific International Cooperation**

Joel Onyango, African Centre for Technology Studies and

Gabriele Slezak, University of Vienna / ÖFSE

Keynote Address: Decolonizing the African Postcolonial Mind

Belachew Gebrewold, Management Center Innsbruck

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch Break, Meet the Press and Rectors' Circle**

The conference venue at the main seat of the OeAW is an architecturally impressive building with a long and noteworthy history. The OeAW has kindly provided us with the historic rooms on the ground and first floors. The **Festsaal** (Festive Hall), as well as **Johanneszimmer** and **Sitzungssaal** are located on the first floor. The **Aula** – the meeting place for coffee and lunch – as well as the registration room are on the ground floor. Furthermore, **Anton Zeilinger Salon** on the ground floor can be used for personal meetings and as working space. Wifi is available, login credentials will be provided on site.

Scientific Programme: Presenting the Results of Africa-UniNet Projects

Rooms: OeAW, 1st floor, Johannessaal and Sitzungssaal

13:30 – 15:00 Presentations of Africa-UniNet Project Results | Parallel Session

<p>Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Johannessaal</p> <p>Panel 1: Education, Art and Knowledge Production P003, P017, P030, P068</p> <p>Panel 3: Water, Environmental Research and Conservation P012, P037 & P039</p>	<p>Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Sitzungssaal</p> <p>Panel 2: Agricultural Research and Food Security P004, P010, P052, P055, P059</p>
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15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 16:45 Presentations of Africa-UniNet Project Results | Parallel Session

<p>Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Johannessaal</p> <p>Panel 3 continued: Water, Environmental Research and Conservation P049, P053, P056, P069, P082</p>	<p>Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Sitzungssaal</p> <p>Panel 2 continued: Agricultural Research and Food Security P060, P086</p> <p>Panel 4: Public Health and Community Development P048, P066, P079</p>
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16:45 **Group Picture**, Walk to Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Venue: *Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), Minoritenplatz 5, 1010 Vienna*

17:45 – 20:00 **Reception by Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research Martin Polaschek**

Thursday, 14 September 2023

Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Festsaal

Moderator: Stella Asiimwe, Weltmuseum Wien

09:00 – 10:00 **Keynote Address: Transforming Lives through Science for the Africa We Want: Perspectives of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS)**
Peggy Oti-Boateng, Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Panel Discussion:**
The Interconnection between the Academic World and Social Reality
 Fatima-Zohra Iflahen, Cadi Ayyad University
 Abdulkarim Sabo Mohammed, Federal University Dutse
 Carol Nonkwelo, University of Pretoria
 Retselisitsoe Thamae, National University of Lesotho
 Martin Woller, Advantage Austria

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch Break**

Rooms: OeAW, 1st floor, Johannessaal and Sitzungssaal

13:00 – 14:00 **Workshops | Parallel Session**

<p><i>Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Johannessaal</i></p> <p>Workshop 1: How to Keep the Elephant on the Path: Managing Project Expectations</p> <p>Meggy Kantert & Christian Anieke, Godfrey Okoye University</p>	<p><i>Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Sitzungssaal</i></p> <p>Workshop 2: Expanding the Horizon: Funding Opportunities beyond Africa-UniNet</p> <p>Carol Nonkwelo, University of Pretoria Peter Mayr, Paris Lodron Univ. of Salzburg</p>
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14:00 – 14:30 **Coffee Break**

Africa-UniNet General Assembly Meeting (only for Africa-UniNet Representatives)

Room: OeAW, 1st floor, Sitzungssaal

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

14:30 – 17:00 **Africa-UniNet General Assembly**
 Presentation and Official Acceptance of New Member Institutions
 Achievements, Status Quo and Future Endeavours

17:30 Walk to University of Applied Arts Vienna, VZA7

*Venue: University of Applied Arts Vienna,
 Expositur Vordere Zollamtsstraße 7, 1030 Vienna*

18:00 **Reception by the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria** | Keynote address by a high level representative of the Ministry

Friday, 15 September 2023

08:30 – 16:00 **Excursion: Vienna’s Water Supply in Kaiserbrunn and International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg**

Please make sure you have registered for the excursion. The bus leaves at 08:30 from Motel One Hauptbahnhof. A lunch package will be provided during the excursion.

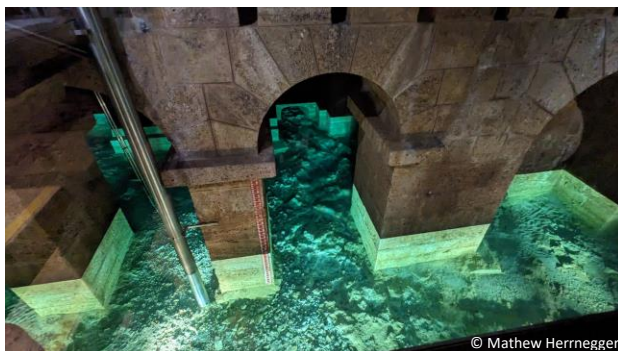
We will visit “Kaiserbrunn”, or “Emperor’s Well”, from where part of the drinking water of the city of Vienna comes from. Mountainous climate with a lot of rain and snow during the winter-time provides excellent conditions for drinking water supply. During the 19th century, Vienna experienced an enormous population increase, which resulted in severe shortages of clean water especially for poor people, triggering disease and epidemics. The City of Vienna – in a visionary step – decided to build a pipeline to transport pure mountain spring water to the city. Celebrating 150 years of existence this year, the First Vienna Mountain Spring Pipeline was opened on 24 October 1873 and now has total length of 150 km, delivering around 50% of Vienna’s water. The water flows solely by gravity and takes around 24 hours to reach the city. “Kaiserbrunn” is one of the main springs and we will visit the well, the water museum and enjoy the mountainous landscape of the region.



More: <https://www.wien.gv.at/wienwasser/pdf/water-supply-museum-kaiserbrunn.pdf>

On the way back to Vienna we stop in Laxenburg and visit the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). IIASA is an international research institution dedicated to the advancement of systems analysis and the application of its research techniques to discover policy measures aimed at diminishing human impacts, bolstering the adaptability of natural and socio-economic systems, and helping in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Albert van Jaarsveld, Director General of IIASA, will give a presentation of the Institute and its history. Following the presentation, we will visit the Schlosspark Laxenburg (Laxenburg Palace Park) before returning to Motel One Hauptbahnhof.

More: <https://iiasa.ac.at/>



Water Supply Museum Kaiserbrunn

Kaiserbrunn 5, Reichenau an der Rax

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis | IIASA

Schlossplatz 1, Laxenburg