

IAS-SCIENCE INSTITUTE

THEME:

Transdisciplinary Research and Practice: Breaking Boundaries and Unlocking Complex Solution

**18TH - 22ND
NOVEMBER**

2025

SCHEDULE



TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2025

DATE/TIME (WAT)	ACTIVITY/SPEAKER	TOPIC	HOST
Tuesday 18th November, 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST	OPENING CEREMONY		
1.00 PM – 1.05 PM	Introduction of the Chief Host and Distinguished Personalities		
1.05 PM – 1.15 PM	Vice-Chancellor’s Welcome Address: Prof. Simeon Adebayo Bamire		
1.15 PM - 1.25 PM	Convener’s Welcome and Opening Remarks; Prof. Jacob K. Olupona		
1.25 PM - 1.55 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Seye Abimbola	Transdisciplinary Research and Practice: Breaking Boundaries and Unlocking Complex Solution	Host Facilitators Prof. Adesanmi Akinsulore Prof. Morenike Ukpong Dr. Tayo Owoeye
1.55 PM - 2.00 PM	BREAK		
2.00 PM – 3.00 PM	Discussion Panel I Speaker: Prof Nadia Sam-Agudu Discussant 1: Prof. Afe Adogame Discussant 2: Dr. Olusoji Ilori	Real-world problems requiring transdisciplinary approaches	Facilitator: Dr. Abeeb Adekunle Azeez
3.00 PM – 4.00 PM	Breakout Session I: Mapping individual expertise and identifying intersections		
	Speaker: Prof. S. O. Ajadi	Physical Sciences	Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi
	Speaker: Prof. Chinedum Babalola	Biomedical Sciences	Prof. Adesanmi Akinsulore
	Speaker: Dr. Isaac Akinwumi	Technological Sciences	Professor Ayodeji Oluwatope
4.00 PM – 4.30 PM	Reflection	Barriers to adopting transdisciplinary practice	Facilitator: Boluwatife Ogungbemi

DAY 2			
DATE/TIME (WAT)	ACTIVITY/SPEAKER	TOPIC	HOST
Wednesday 19th November, 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST			
1.00 PM – 2.00 PM	Lecture I: Speaker: Prof. Oyewale Tomori Discussant 1: Prof. Ahmed Bhayat Discussant 2: Prof. Adewale Adisa	Frameworks for transdisciplinary collaboration	Facilitator: Dr. Maggai Tsokwa
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM BREAK			
2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	Breakout Session II: Building a Conceptual Map of Transdisciplinary Integration and Case Studies		
	Speaker: Prof. M.A. Eleruja	Physical Sciences	Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi
	Speaker: Prof Maha El Tantawi	Biomedical Sciences	Prof. Adesanmi Akinsulore
	Speaker: Prof S. Obayopo	Technological Sciences	Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope
3.05 PM – 3.10 PM BREAK			
3.10 PM – 4.00 PM	Reflection	Lessons from Past Grantees of IIAS - Science	Facilitator: Mariam Abiola Salaudeen
DAY 3			
Thursday 20th November, 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST			
1.00 PM – 2.00 PM	Lecture II Speaker: Prof. Olutayo Adesina Discussant: Prof. Olusegun Titus	Speaking Different Languages: Bridging Disciplines	Facilitator: Peace Nkiru Michael
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM BREAK			

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2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	Breakout Session III: Techniques for facilitating cross-disciplinary dialogue		
	Speaker: Prof. T. O. Olomola	Physical Sciences	Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi
	Speaker: Dr. Wadzani Dauda	Biomedical Sciences	Prof. Adesanmi Akinsulore
	Speaker: Dr. Aminu Shittu	Technological Sciences	Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope
3.05 PM - 3.10 PM	BREAK		
3.10 PM – 4.00 PM	Breakout Session IV - Room A Speaker: Dr. Israel Agaku	Writing Manuscripts: Negotiating Perspectives in a Complex Societal Problem	Facilitator: Nabeela Usman El-Nafaty
	Breakout Session IV - Room B Speaker: Dr. Kris Peterson	Writing Books in the Sciences	Facilitator: Dr. Rachael Amwe
3.10 PM – 4.00 PM	Reflection	Strategies for Effective Communication and Co-creation of Knowledge	Facilitator: Amenaghawon Idawu
DAY 4			
Friday 21st November, 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST			
1.00 PM – 2.00 PM	Workshop I Speaker: Dr. Abiola Adeniyi	Using Systems Mapping and Stakeholder Analysis	Facilitator: Opeyemi Ologun
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM	BREAK		
2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	Breakout Session V: Co-creation of Problem Statements and Solution Pathways		
	Speaker: Prof. Aderemi O. Ogunfowokan	Physical Sciences	Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi
	Speaker: Dr. Folahanmi Akinsolu	Biomedical Sciences	Prof. Adesanmi Akinsulore
	Speaker: Dr. Abiodun Egbetokun	Technological Sciences	Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope

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3.05 PM - 3.10 PM	BREAK		
3.10 PM – 4.00 PM	Workshop II Speaker: Prof. Nceba Gqaleni	Decision-making in a Multi-actor Setting, Ethical Dilemmas, and Power Dynamics in Transdisciplinary Work	Facilitator: Dr. Charles German Ikimi
DAY 5			
Saturday 22nd November, 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST			
1.00 PM – 2.00 PM	Discussion Panel II Discussant 1: Prof. Lanre Ikuteyijo Discussant 2: Dr. Nicaise Ndembi	Developing Collaborative Leadership and Governance Skills for Managing Transdisciplinary Projects	Facilitator: Oyelakin Gbenga Samson
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM	BREAK		
2.05 PM – 2.50 PM	Breakout Session VI - Room A Speaker: Prof. Butali Azeez	Building Personal Leadership Competencies	Facilitator: Ebrahim Damtew Alyou
	Breakout Session VI - Room B Speaker: Prof. Wasiu Lanre Adeyemo	Conflict Resolution and Trust-building	Facilitator: Peter Adelaja Akerele
2.50 PM – 3.35 PM	Breakout Session VII -Room A Speaker: Prof. Olusegun Alatise	Designing a Transdisciplinary Project Proposal	Facilitator: Yaa Baker
	Breakout Session VII -Room B Speaker: Dr. Ucheoma Nwaozuru	Measuring Impact and Sustainability of Transdisciplinary Practices	Facilitator: Dr. Mijoh Ayodele Gbedebo
3.35 PM - 3.40 PM	BREAK		
3.40 PM – 4.25 PM	Storytelling Session Dr. Ifedayo-Emmanuel Adeyefa-Olasupo	Inventions of Retinopathic mechanics and Figbox AI	Prof. Jacob Olupona
4.25 PM - 4.55 PM	Reflections	All participants	Facilitator: Prof. Adesanmi Akinsulore

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4.55 PM - 5.00 PM	Virtual Pictures	All Faculty Members and participants to put on their videos	Facilitator: IIAS Secretariat
5.00 PM – 5.45 PM	Open Forum/Reflections Speakers: Prof. Jacob Olupona Prof. Morenike Ukpong, and Other Faculty Members	IIAS Science 4th Edition: Application, Evaluation, and Future Directions	Facilitator: Dr. Tayo Owoeye

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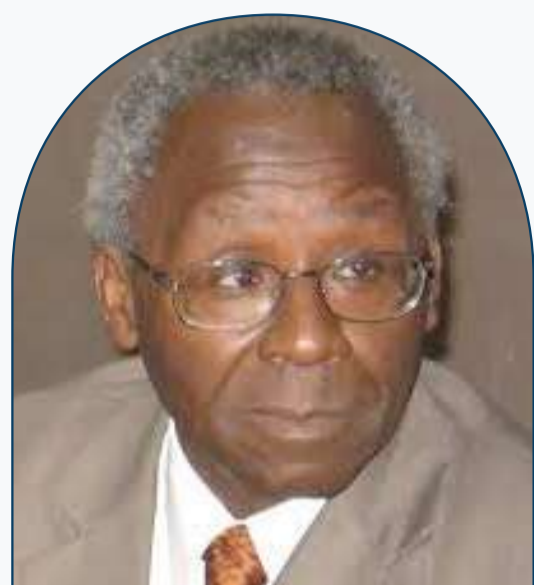


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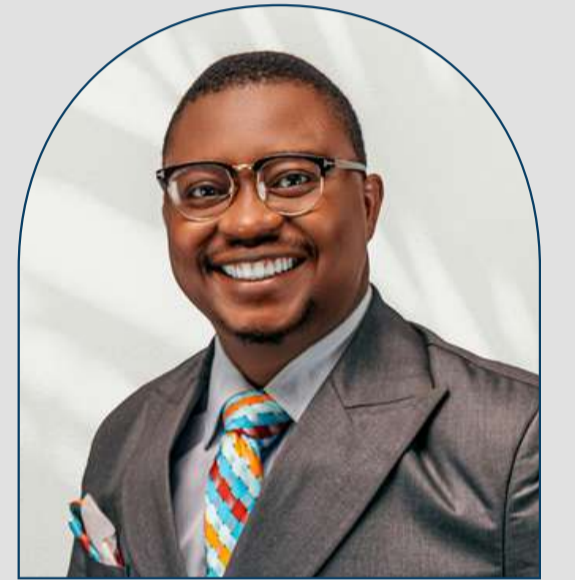
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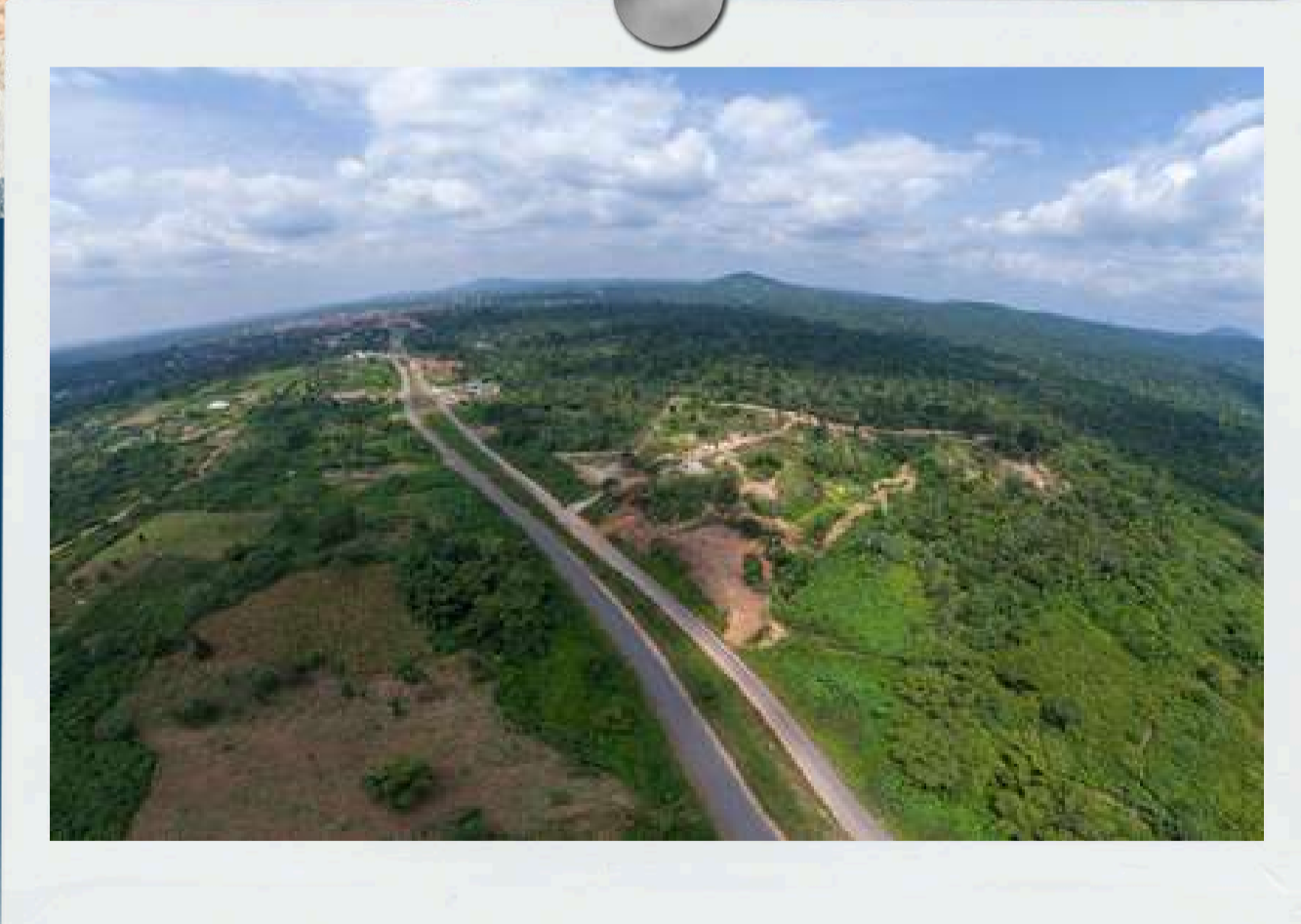
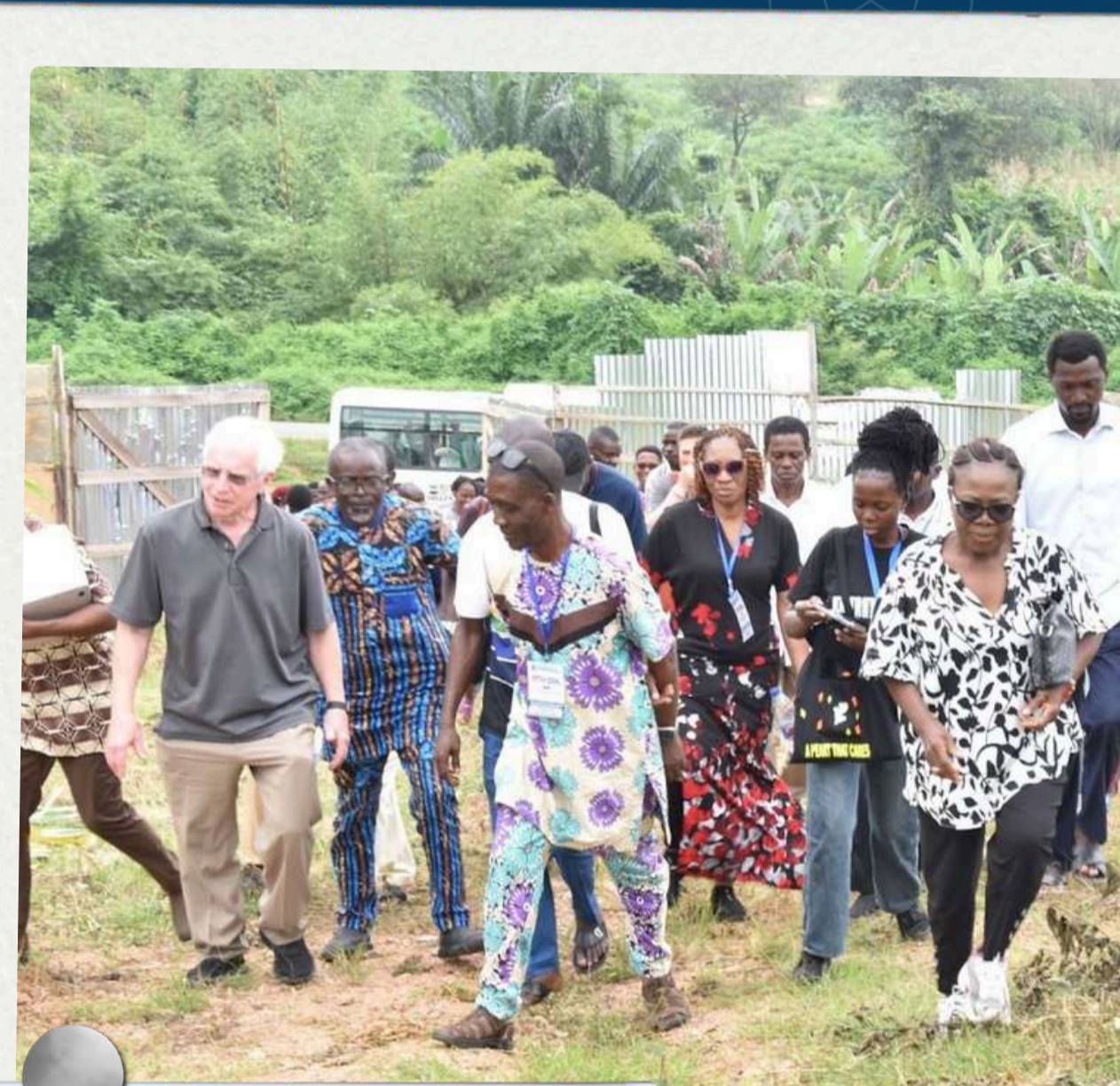


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