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THE 'WHY' AND 'HOW'

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Schedule

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NOVEMBER 21ST - NOVEMBER 25TH

2023

Date/Time	Activity	Proposed Topic
<p>TUESDAY, NOV 21st, 2023 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST</p> <p>1:00 PM – 1.05 PM</p> <p>1:05 PM – 1:15 PM</p> <p>1.15 PM – 1.25 PM</p> <p>1.25 PM – 2.00 PM</p>	<p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <p>Introduction of the Chief Host and Distinguished Personalities</p> <p>Vice-Chancellor’s Welcome Address Prof. Simeon Adebayo Bamire</p> <p>Convener’s Welcome and Opening Remarks Prof. Jacob K. Olupona</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Rasigan Maharajh</p> <p>Host Moderator: Morenike Oluwatoyin Ukpong</p>	<p>Decolonising Science Research: The ‘why’ and ‘how’</p>
<p>2.00 PM – 2.05 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	
<p>2.05 PM – 3.05 PM</p>	<p>Breakout Session I</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. M.A. Eleruja Moderator: Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Boladale Mapayi Moderator: Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Soji Ilori Moderator: Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope</p>	<p>Critical Thinking: The Art of Questioning</p> <p>Physical Sciences</p> <p>Biomedical Sciences</p> <p>Technological Sciences</p>
<p>3.05 PM – 3.15 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	

<p>3.15 PM – 4.30 PM</p>	<p>Panel Discussion I</p> <p>Panelist 1: Prof. Tian Johnson Panelist 2: Prof. Geoffrey Tangwa Panelist 3: Prof. Samuel Ujewe</p> <p>Moderator: Mirian Ngozi Alike</p>	<p>The Decolonisation Process</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, NOV 22ND, 2023 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST</p>	<p>Discussion Panel I</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Douglas Buttery Discussants: Prof. K.S.O. Oyediji Prof. E.W. Oduwole Moderator: Adaobi Okonji</p>	<p>Controversies: Deconstructing Exploitation in Science Research</p>
<p>2.00 PM – 2.05 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	
<p>2.05 PM – 3.05 PM</p>	<p>Breakout Session II</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Ibrahim Adeyanju Moderator: Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. O.U.J Umeora Moderator: Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Odétúnjí Àjàdí Odéjobí Moderator: Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence and Decolonising Science</p> <p>Physical Sciences</p> <p>Biomedical Sciences</p> <p>Technological Sciences</p>
<p>3.05 PM – 3.15 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	
<p>3.15 PM – 4.30 PM</p>	<p>Panel Discussion II</p> <p>Panelist 1: Prof. Maha El Tantawi Panelist 2: Prof. Desola Olumide Panelist 3: Dr Nadia Sam-Agudu</p> <p>Moderator: Amwe Ruth Vida</p>	<p>Sustainable Development Goals, Multidisciplinary Research and Game Changing Research Tactics</p>

<p>THURSDAY, NOV 23RD, 2023 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST</p>	<p>Discussion Panel II</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Segun Alatise Discussants: Prof. Oliver Ezechi Dr. Margaret Japhet</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Yusuf Olayinka Shogbesan</p>	<p>Collaborative Research for National Growth and Development</p>
<p>2.00 PM – 2.05 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	
<p>2.05 PM – 3.05 PM</p>	<p>Breakout Session III</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. T.O. Olomola Moderator: Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Ovokeraye Oduaran Moderator: Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Oluwasefunmi Tale Arogundade Moderator: Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope</p>	<p>‘Why’ and ‘how’ to promote Africa when writing research grants</p> <p>Physical Sciences</p> <p>Biomedical Sciences</p> <p>Technological Sciences</p>
<p>3.05 PM – 3.15 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	
<p>3.15 PM – 4.30 PM</p>	<p>Panel Discussion III</p> <p>Panelist 1: Prof. Aminu Yakubu Panelist 2: Dr. Maureen Awuor Okoth Panelist 3: Dr. Alice Neequaye</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Temitope Olomola</p>	<p>Contextualising the Design of Science Research</p>

<p>FRIDAY, NOV 24th, 2023 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST</p>	<p>Discussion Panel III</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Ngozi Enelamah Discussants: Prof. Eme Owoaje Discussants: Dr. Lanre Ikuteyijo</p> <p>Moderator: Adewale Onagbesan</p>	<p>Life Course Approach to Research</p>
<p>2.00 PM – 2.05 PM</p> <p>BREAK</p>		
<p>2.05 PM – 3.05 PM</p>	<p>Breakout Session IV</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. A. J. Akindele Moderator: Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. I.K.T. Ijadunola Moderator: Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Abiodun Ogunyemi Moderator: Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope</p>	<p>Making Research a life sustaining source of income</p> <p>Physical Sciences Contexts</p> <p>Biomedical Sciences Contexts</p> <p>Technological Contexts</p>
<p>3.05 PM – 3.15 PM</p> <p>BREAK</p>		
<p>3.15 PM – 4.30 PM</p>	<p>Panel Discussion IV</p> <p>Panelist 1: Prof. Morenikeji Komolafe Panelist 2: Dr Mary Obiyan Panelist 3: Prof. Joshua Aransiola</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Tolulope Osayomi</p>	<p>Career Development and Self-Assessment</p>
<p>SATURDAY, NOV 25th, 2023 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST</p>	<p>Workshop I: Career Skills and Practice</p> <p>Speaker: Dayo Reiman, Fog Adventures</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Morenike Ukpong</p>	<p>What next? Make your career a work and not just a job</p>

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2.05 PM – 3:05PM	<p>Open Forum: Career Skills and Practice</p> <p>Panelists: Prof. Temitope Esan Dr Bukky Olatosi Prof. Akanni Akinyemi Prof. Afe Adogame Prof. Olutayo Adesina Prof. Femi Koya Prof. Olawunmi Fatusi Prof. Juliet Iwelunmor</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Morenike Ukpong</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Adaobi Okonji Dr. Oloninyi Ibidunni Dr. Adekunbi Malomo Dr. Bamigboye Olukemi Prof. Temitope Olomola</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Tayo Owoeye</p>	<p>Three Minutes Word Gem for Early Career Research</p> <p>Fellows Experience in the Institute</p>
3.05 PM – 3.10 PM	BREAK	

<p>3.10 PM – 4.00 PM</p>	<p>Workshop II:</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. E. Ezeanolue</p> <p>Moderator: Francis Tulani Matenga</p>	<p>Researching Science is a Martial Art</p>
<p>4.00 PM – 4.30 PM</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Open Forum: 2023 IAS-Science Institute Reflection</p> <p>Closing Remark</p>	<p>Moderators Prof. Jacob K. Olupona Prof. Morenike Ukpong</p> <p>Host Moderators Prof. David Ogungbile Prof. Olutayo Adesina Dr. Tayo Owoeye</p>

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