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IIAS-SCIENCE INSTITUTE 2022 SCHEDULE

THEME:

'STEAM as a Possibility: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Multidisciplinary Approaches'

DATE:

November 29th to December 3rd, 2022

VENUE:

ZOOM

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Date/Time	Activity	Proposed Topic
TUESDAY, NOV 29TH, 2022 **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 Professor Simeon Adebayo Bamire	
1.15 PM – 1.25 PM	Convener's Welcome and Opening Remarks Professor Jacob K. Olupona	
1.25 PM – 1.30 PM	Goodwill by Provosts and Deans **Chairperson:** DVC Academics	
1.30 PM – 2.00 PM	**Keynote Speaker:** Professor Olurinde Lafe **Host Facilitator:** Professor Olutayo Adesina	**STEAM as Possibility: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Multidisciplinary Approaches**
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM	BREAK	
2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	Breakout Session I:	Critical Thinking
	Speaker: Professor Emmanuel Unuabonah Facilitator: Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi	Physical Sciences
	Speaker: Professor Wasiu Lanre Adeyemo Facilitator: Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore	Biomedical Sciences
	Speaker: Juri Mets Facilitator: Professor Ayodeji Oluwatope	Technological Sciences
3.05 PM – 3.15 PM	BREAK	

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3.15 PM – 4.30 PM	**Discussion Panel I** **Speaker:** Professor Simeon Ilesanmi **Facilitator:** Professor Abiodun Alao **Discussants:** Dr. Juliet Iwelunmor Professor Eme Owoaje Professor Obinna Onwejekwe	**Pursuing Socially Conscious Research**
WEDNESDAY, NOV 30TH, 2022 **1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST**	**Lecture I** **Speaker:** Professor Jacob Olupona **Facilitator:** Dr Nkatha Kabira	**Paradox and Promises of Interdisciplinary Research for Tomorrow's Academy**
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM	**BREAK**	
2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	**Breakout Session II** **Speaker:** Dr. Connie Nshemereirwe **Facilitator:** Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi **Speaker:** Professor Oye Gureje **Facilitator:** Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore **Speaker:** Professor Micheal Faborode **Facilitator:** Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope	**African-centered Episteme and the Study of African Societies** The Role of Physical Sciences The Role of Biomedical Sciences The Role of Technological Sciences
3.05 PM – 3.15 PM	**BREAK**	
3.15 PM – 4.30 PM	**Discussion Panel II** **Speaker:** Professor Morenike Ukpong **Facilitator:** Professor Olutayo Adesina **Discussants:** Professor Oyewale Tomori Professor Kehinde Taiwo Professor Iruka Okeke	**STEM and Humanities: Collaboration for Pedagogical Transformation**
THURSDAY, DEC 1ST, 2022 **1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST**	**Lecture II** **Speaker:** Prof. Tayo Akinwande **Facilitator:** Dr. Tayo Owoeye	**Ensuring Sustainable Development through Science, Technology and the Humanities**
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM	BREAK	

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2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	**Breakout Session III** **Speaker:** Professor Olufunmilayo Ogunlunsi **Facilitator:** Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi **Speaker:** Professor Friday Okonofua **Facilitator:** Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore **Speaker:** Professor Matthew Adigun **Facilitator:** Professor Ayodeji Oluwatope	**Evolving Learning and Teaching: Decolonising the Curriculum** Physical Sciences Biomedical Sciences Technological Sciences
3.05 PM – 3.15 PM	BREAK	
3.15 PM – 4.30 PM	**Discussion Panel III** **Speaker:** Professor Muhammad Zaman **Facilitator:** Professor Afe Adogame **Discussants:** Professor Folasade Ogunsola Professor Benjamin Uzochukwu Professor Akindele Adebiyi	**Creating Long-Term Research Agenda, Recreating your Academic Voice and the Role of Mentors**
FRIDAY, DEC 2ND, 2022 1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST	**Respondent Panel I** **Speaker:** Professor Maha Marouan **Respondent:** Professor Oyeronke Olademo **Facilitator:** Dr. Sheila Otieno	Reconstructing the gender binary in global academic spaces and research
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM	BREAK	

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2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	**Breakout Session IV** **Speaker:** Professor Marcus Eleruja **Facilitator:** Dr. Lukman Olasunkanmi **Speaker:** Professor Segun Alatise **Facilitator:** Dr. Adesanmi Akinsulore **Speaker:** Professor Adesola Aderounmu **Facilitator:** Professor Ayodeji Oluwatope	**New Wine in Old Skins: Telling New Stories from Old** Physical Sciences Biomedical Sciences Technological Sciences
3.05 PM – 3.15 PM	**BREAK**	
3.15 PM – 4.30 PM	Past Fellows Panel Dr. Shiela Otieno Dr.Tolulope Osayomi Dr. Nkatha Kabira Dr. Olusegun Titus **Facilitator:** Dr. Tayo Owoeye	**This is my story: Experiences of IIAS Alumni within the Institute**
SATURDAY, DEC 3RD, 2022 **1.00 PM WAT/7.00 AM EST**	**Workshop I: Career Skills and Practice** **Speaker:** Professor Dianne Stewart **Facilitator:** Dr. Tunde Decker	**Is Self-promotion Selfish: Writing, Marketing and Selling Your Research**
2.00 PM – 2.05 PM	BREAK	

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2.05 PM – 3.05 PM	**Panel Discussion I: Career Skills and Practice** **Discussants:** Professor Taiwo Soneye Dr. Ngozi Enelemah Professor AkanniAkinyemi	**Putting Yourself Out There: Networking Tips and Tricks**
	Discussants: Professor Oyeronke Olademo Professor Charles Ukeje	**Digital Presence and Footprint**
3.05 PM – 3.10 PM	**BREAK**	
3.10 PM – 4.00 PM	**Panel Discussion II:** **Discussant:** Professor (Emeritus) Funmi Togonu-Bickersteth **Facilitator**: Dr. Opeyemi Ekundayo	**Career Skills and Practice** The 'Long' Goodbye: Leaving the Academia Well
4.00 PM – 4.30 PM	**Closing Ceremony** Open Forum: 2022 IIAS-Science Institute Reflection Closing Remark	**Facilitators:** Professor Jacob Olupona Professor Morenike Ukpong **Host Facilitators:** Professor David Ogungbile Professor Olutayo AdesinaDr. Tayo Owoeye

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Jacob Olupona is Professor of African Religious Traditions, and Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University, USA. Olupona is the Convener of the Ife Institute of Advanced Studies. He has authored and edited several books concerned with interpreting Nigerian and African religious traditions, including his book, *City of 201 Gods: Ile-Ife in Time, Space and the Imagination* (2011) which won the Harvard Cabot Fellowship Award. He was the 2019 recipient of the Martin E. Marty award for the Public Understanding of Religion. His email address is: ***olupona@fas.harvard.edu***

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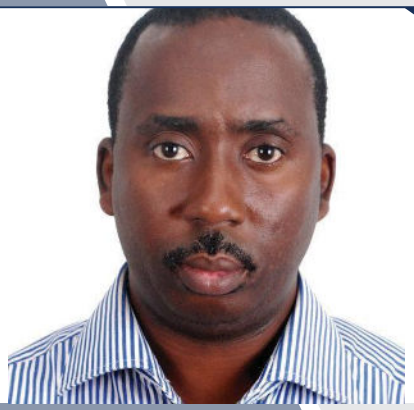

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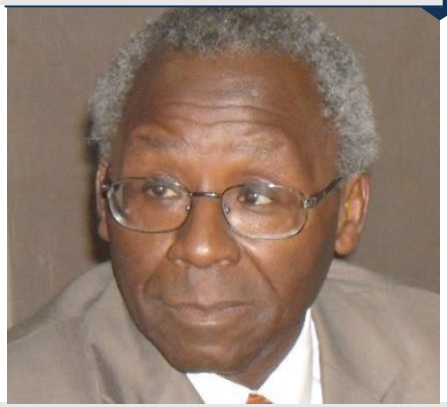

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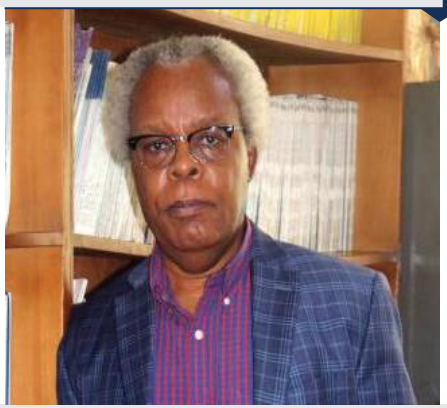

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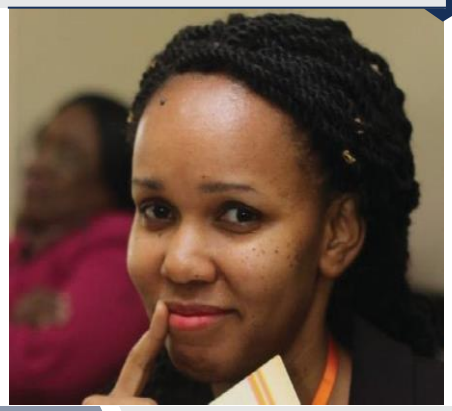

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