

Challenges for International Scientific Partnerships

Side event of the 24th UN Commission on Science & Technology for Development

17 May 2021, 16:20 - 17:45pm CEST

AGENDA

1. Welcome Remarks & Presentation of CISP Project 10 mins

Speakers: **Arthur Bienenstock** (CoChair; Stanford University)
Peter Michelson (CoChair; Stanford University)

2. Collaborations with Emerging Science Partners (ESPs) 10 mins

Speakers: **Shirley Malcom** (CoChair, ESP Working Group; AAAS)
Olufunmilayo Olopade (CoChair, ESP Working Group; University of Chicago)

3. Building Sustainable and Equitable International Scientific Collaborations in Africa 30 min

Speakers: **Jacqueline Olang-Kado** (Network of African Science Academies)
Jonathan Jansen (Stellenbosch University)

Discussant: **Olufunmilayo Olopade**

4. Breakout Discussions 20 mins

Participants will break into three groups to discuss one of the following topics. Foci may include fostering and sustaining collaborations with ESPs; increasing equity in collaborations with ESPs, e.g. through gender parity; capacity building; inclusion of young scientists; etc.

Group A: Nature of Scientific Collaborations. *To what degree do your home scientists conduct research within the framework of the SDGs? How do you facilitate international collaborations that are in line with the SDGs? With which nations do you primarily collaborate?*

Group B: Capacity-Building. *How does your country consider and address issues of “brain drain” vs “brain circulation” in the context of researchers from emerging science partner countries, including among researchers who are members of broader diasporas? How is gender equity considered?*

Group C: National S&T Goals. *How does your country prioritize funding for scientific goals vs. funding for development aid? How is S&T integrated into your development plan? What are your country’s S&T aspirations and greatest needs, and what policies are working to help you realize these goals?*

5. Report Backs & Open Discussion

15 mins

Moderator: Shirley Malcom

6. Closing Remarks: **Arthur Bienenstock**
Peter Michelson

5 mins