



Invitation to the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD) Roundtable

Date: Thursday, 25 August 2022
Time: 14:00 – 16:00 SAST
Venue: Online via Zoom
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Programme

Programme Facilitator

Prof Himla Soodyall, Executive Officer, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) (5 min)

Opening Remarks

Mr Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General: Research Development Support, Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) (5 min)

Plenary

Interdisciplinarity between Basic Sciences and the Social Sciences and Humanities in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Prof Jonathan Jansen, President of ASSAf (25 min)

Thematic Presentations (15 min each)

(45 min)

Moderator

Prof Stephanie Burton, Vice-President ASSAf Council, Royal Society of South Africa and University of Pretoria (UP)

- Using basic sciences to accelerate innovation to achieve the SDGs
Dr Sudesh Sivarasu, Co-chair: South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS)
- Using science to inspire the next generation of scientists (focus on equity)
Dr Beverley Damonse, Group Executive: Science Engagement and Corporate Relations, National Research Foundation (NRF)
- Public engagement of science
Dr Nnditshedzeni Eric Maluta, HoD and Coordinator: Vuwana Science Resource Centre, University of Venda

Q&A

(20 min)

Closing Comments

(10 min)

Dr Aldo Stroebel, Executive Director: Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, NRF

Way Forward & Closure

(5 min)

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