

2nd Annual ASFI Virtual Multidisciplinary Conference & Boot Camp 26th-28th November 2024

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

TIME (GMT)	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
DAY 1		
0800 - 0900HRS	OPENING REMARKS AND CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION	Welcome and Introductory Presentations
0900 - 0945HRS	SESSION 1: Theme: The Urgencies of Research Innovation in Africa	Keynote speech: “Unleashing Innovation in African Research: The Time is Now” Professor Emmanuel Igah <i>IPAG Business School, Paris, France</i>
0945 - 1030HRS	SESSION 2: Theme: Inclusive innovation and its role in driving sustainable development in Africa.	Keynote Speech 2: "Inclusive Innovation in Africa: Empowering Diverse Voices". Professor Vivian Besem Ojong <i>Dean and Head of the School of Social Science, College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa</i>
1030 - 1040HRS	LEG STRETCHER	
1040 - 1100HRS	RESEARCH FIELD STORIES	Three selected field stories
1100 - 1220HRS	ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS	30 oral presentations in six parallel breakout sessions
1220 - 1240HRS	LUNCH BREAK	

BOOT CAMP ACTIVITIES

1240 – 1250HRS	Introduction and opening remarks	A brief overview of the Boot Camp Session –
1250 - 1320HRS 1320 - 1340HRS	WORKSHOP Q&A	“AI tools for research innovation” <i>Dr. Daniil Lisik, University of Gothenburg, Sweden</i>
1340 - 1520HRS	BOOTCAMP GROUP PROJECTS	Breakout session for boot camp-group project
1520 - 1530 HRS	END OF DAY 1	
DAY 2		
0800 – 0830HRS	Introductions and Recap of Day 1 activities, panel discussions	ASFI Admin, Scientific Sub-Committee chairs, Conference and Boot Camp chairs
0830 - 1000HRS 1000 - 1030HRS	PANEL DISCUSSION: “Ethical Innovation: Respecting the Respectables” Q&A AND DISCUSSION Audience engages with panelists	Prof. Dina Shokry: <i>Prof. of Forensic Medicine and Clinical Toxicology, Cairo University; Head of Department, Modern academy of Technology and Information, Egypt</i> Prof. Gituro Wainaina: <i>Department of Management Science and Project Planning, University of Nairobi, Kenya</i> Dr. Keren Naa Abeka Arthur: <i>Lecturer of Entrepreneurship & Coordinator of the Entrepreneurship and Training Unit, Centre for Entrepreneurship and Small Enterprise Development, University of Cape Coast, Ghana</i>
1030 - 1040HRS	LEG STRETCHER	
1040 – 1110HRS	SHOWCASING EXEMPLAR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS	Showcasing three innovative projects making impact across Africa
1115 - 1230HRS	ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS	30 oral presentations in six parallel breakout sessions

1230 - 1300HRS	LUNCH BREAK	
BOOT CAMP ACTIVITIES		
1300 - 1330HRS	WORKSHOP	Workshop topic: “Enhancing skills for innovative research” <i>Prof. Gituro Wainaina:</i> Department of Management Science and Project Planning, University of Nairobi, Kenya
1330 - 1345HRS	Q&A	
1345 - 1520HRS	Bootcamp Group Projects	Breakout session for boot camp-group project
1520 -1530HRS	END OF DAY 2	
DAY 3		
0800 - 0930HRS	ASFI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	ASFI Programs and Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASFI programs and trainings ▪ Members Assembly ▪ Matched Mentoring Program ▪ Research funding in Africa ▪ Research misconduct in Africa ▪ Umbrella review: race/ethnicity and health ▪ Impact of COVID-19 on African society
0930 – 1130HRS	Breakout sessions: Poster presentations on related topics	Various presenters will showcase their research posters in virtual breakout rooms based on sub-themes.
1130 - 1140HRS	LEG STRETCHER	
1140 - 1310HRS	“MY CAREER, MY STORY” <i>How I Became Me in Career and Influence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Story of Career in Diaspora ▪ Story of Career in Africa ▪ Story of Career as an African Woman

1310 - 1340HRS	LUNCH BREAK	
1340 - 1520HRS	AWARDS & PRIZES	Announcement of all categorizes of awards
		CLOSING
1530 - 1545HRS	Summary of key takeaways	Recap of key points and highlights from the conference and boot camp sessions
1545 - 1600HRS	Closing remarks and acknowledgments	Closing addresses
1600HRS	Announcement of future conferences or events	Announcing 2025 event and other related events