



Africa Science Leadership Programme announces 2016 Fellows

Berlin, 17 February 2016 - Twenty-two outstanding scientists from all major regions within Africa will participate in the second round of the Africa Science Leadership Programme (ASLP). Among those are five members of the Global Young Academy (GYA). The scientists represent basic and applied sciences, and span a wide variety of disciplines including the social sciences and humanities.

The program starts on 11 April with a week-long workshop on 'Leading a new paradigm for African Science'. The fellows will dive deeply into topics such as collective leadership and science communication. Leaders in academia and research, science communication, and leadership theory and practice will join the fellows for interactive sessions. The workshop will be followed by a year of application and mentorship, with a follow-up workshop planned for April 2017.

The 2016 ASLP fellows will meet with the inaugural cohort of fellows on 16 April, when the 2015 fellows, including six members of the GYA and one alumnus, start their second workshop.

"The ASLP has gained prominence regionally and even globally since it was launched in 2015. It provides in a key need for young scientists in Africa, and serves as an example for other regions in the world," said Eva Alisic, co-chair of the Global Young Academy.

"There is such a big need to develop the skills of a next generation of scientists to lead more interdisciplinary and globally connected teams to resolve address the complex challenges the world faces. ASLP is fast becoming an example of the type of programme through which this development can be fast tracked," added Professor Bernard Slippers, project leader from the University of Pretoria and past co-chair of the Global Young Academy.

The following fellows have been selected into the second round of the programme:

Dr Adewale Adewuyi

Dr Aliza le Roux

Assoc Prof Andre Ganswindt

Dr Anna Coussen

Dr Chioma Onyige

Dr Daniel Orwenjo

Dr Deusedith Ishengoma

Dr Eleanor Ochodo

Redeemers University, Nigeria

University of the Free State, South Africa

University of Pretoria, South Africa

University of Cape Town, South Africa

University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

The Technical University of Kenya, Kenya

Tanga Research Center, Tanzania

Stellenbosch University, Kenya

Dr Fawzi Mahomoodally	University of Mauritius, Mauritius
Dr Ghada Bassioni	Ain Shams University, Egypt
Dr Gilbert Abiuro	University for Development Studies, Ghana
Prof Hassna Chennaoui	Hassan II University, Morocco
Dr Ikwoluwapo Ajayi	University College Hospital, Nigeria
Dr Joana Afonso	University Agostinho Neto, Angola
Prof Lahcen El Youssfi	Moulay Ismail University, Morocco
Dr Maha Aly	Ain Shams University, Egypt
Dr Makondelele Makatu	University of Venda, South Africa
Dr Mohamed Elzayat	Cairo University, Egypt
Dr Nosiphiwe Ngqwala	Rhodes University, South Africa
Assoc Prof Sameh Soror	Ain Helwan, Egypt
Prof Sunday Atawodi	Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
Dr Yonas Shikur	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Africa Science Leadership Programme is run by the University of Pretoria in partnership with the Global Young Academy, and is funded by the Robert Bosch Foundation. It involves many collaborations, among others with the Leopold Leadership Program at Stanford University and the specialist facilitation company KnowInnovation.

Learn more about the ASLP at: <http://globalyoungacademy.net/activities/african-science-leadership-program/>

For more information about the partners of the program visit the website of

University of Pretoria www.up.ac.za

KnowInnovation <http://knowinnovation.com>

Robert Bosch Stiftung www.bosch-stiftung.de/content/language2/html/index.asp

Leopold Leadership Program <http://leopoldleadership.stanford.edu/>

About the Global Young Academy

The Global Young Academy was founded in 2010 with the vision to be the voice of young scientists around the world. The GYA empowers early-career researchers to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue by developing and mobilizing talent from six continents. Its purpose is to promote reason and inclusiveness in global decision-making. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently there are 200 members and 101 alumni from 67 countries. The academy is hosted at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) in cooperation with the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The GYA received its seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation and has since 2014 been funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the IAP: the Global

Network of Science Academies. The GYA has also benefitted from project funding from a variety of donors and partners.

A brief report giving insight into the organization's major achievements as the voice of young scientists may be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/1L7WbOy>.

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