

Press Release

Scientists from around Africa gather to develop leadership capacity in the third round of the ASLP

Twenty-two outstanding scientists from all major regions within Africa will participate in the third round of the Africa Science Leadership Programme (ASLP). The scientists represent basic and applied sciences, and span a wide variety of disciplines including the social sciences and humanities.

The program on 'Leading a new paradigm for African Science' starts on 22 March with a week-long workshop. 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 March 2018.

The [2017 ASLP fellows](#) will meet with the [2016 cohort](#) of fellows on 27 March, when the 2016 fellows start their second workshop.

"I highly appreciate the ASLP initiative. It has given me an unexpected vision of what leadership is. The programme provides important training for African scientific leaders and is also an excellent network-building programme that brings together African scientists from different countries across the continent. ASLP addresses an essential need for Africa," said Professor Sameh Soror from the 2016 ASLP cohort.

"African science is brimming with potential, but is currently underdeveloped. The ASLP programme recognizes the need for quality and collective leadership skills amongst the next generation of scientists who are steering the development and expansion of this system," 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 third round of the programme:

Dr. David Dodoo-Arhin	University of Ghana, Ghana
Asst Prof Hamada Hassan	Cairo University, Egypt
Dr. Emmanuel Odjadjare	Benson Idahosa University, Nigeria
Asst Prof Abebayehu Mekonnen	Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
Dr Ayodele Morakinyo	University of Lagos, Nigeria
Dr Yvonne Ngwa	Higher Teacher Training Yaounde, Cameroon
Dr George Ayodo	University of Science and Technology, Kenya
Dr Dalia Saad	University of South Africa, Sudan/South Africa
Dr Sunny Abarikwu	University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Dr Thierry Hoareau	University of Pretoria, South Africa
Dr Gladness Temu	College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Tanzania
Dr Mzime Murisa	Chinhoyi University, Zimbabwe/Malawi
Dr Marian Quain	University of Ghana, Ghana
Dr Samson Khene	Rhodes University, South Africa
Dr Akusa Mawa	Uganda Virus Research Institute, Uganda
Dr Barbara Burmen	Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya
Dr Chipso Mubaya	Chinhoyi University, Zimbabwe
Dr Pauline Ngimwa	Partnership for African Social and Governance Research, Kenya
Dr Patience Mutopo	Chinhoyi University, Zimbabwe
Dr Cindy George	Medical Research Council, South Africa
Dr Elias Matinde	University of Witwatersrand, Zimbabwe /South Africa
Dr Rene English	Health Systems Trust, South Africa

The Africa Science Leadership Programme is part of the [Future Africa](#) initiative by the University of Pretoria in partnership with the [Global Young Academy](#), and is funded by the Robert Bosch Foundation. It involves many collaborations, including with the Leopold Leadership Program at Stanford University and the specialist facilitation company KnowInnovation. The programme now includes 64 fellows from 48 institutions from 16 countries across Africa.

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