

GYA Newsletter

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GYA News



AGM 2023

Kigali, Rwanda

Annual General Meeting and conference update

The GYA Annual General Meeting & International Conference of Young Scientists

You can find all information – including an updated programme and more – on the AGM website here: agm.globalyoungacademy.net.

Registration will open in February.

If you have any questions about the AGM or Conference, please contact jennifer.plaul@globalyoungacademy.net.



Constraints and strategies among early-career researchers

The GYA Strategic Project [The Global State of Young Scientists \(GloSYS\)](#) launched the new report “[The Global State of Young Scientists in Latin America and the Caribbean: An Exploration of Constraints and Strategies](#)” at an online event with contributions from the lead author, strategic project co-leads, distinguished professors and UNESCO in LAC.

[Read more here.](#)



GYA Inclusive Leadership Workshop on 26-27 April

The [GYA Focus Group on addressing systemic discrimination](#) has been working on how to support GYA members in reflecting on systemic bias that results in discrimination, and how to avoid this. This has led to the idea to develop a training workshop to look into best practices to combat systemic bias, to reiterate trust in fundamental human rights, and in the self-respect and worth of the human in academia and other places.

The group is now happy to announce the convening of an **online workshop on 26 and 27 April 2023**. The concept is being developed together with our facilitation partners at Inclusive Innovation.

[More information is available here.](#)



Committee

In January 2023, the members of the [GYA Executive Committee](#) (EC) met online with [GYA Advisory Board](#) (AB) members Patricia Obo-Nai (Vodafone Ghana) and Ulrike Albrecht (University of Heidelberg, Germany), as well as former AB members Yuko Harayama (Japanese Association for the Advancement of Science, Japan) and Kevin Marsh (University of Oxford, United Kingdom).

The strengthened role of early-career researchers and young academics in various international science institutions was a major point of discussion. It was confirmed that GYA strives for young researchers to sit at the table, but the GYA is only successful if they are really being heard.

Looking at organisational developments, the move to strengthen compliance with a newly-developed code of conduct was discussed. The senior advisers thought that setting it up was a necessary development for an organisation of the structure and scope of GYA. They were very interested to learn further on from the experiences of a first anti-discrimination training, which is scheduled for April this year.

Further meetings such as this one are planned.

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GYA is dedicated to climate-neutral air travel

The GYA committed to offset carbon from every flight taken on its behalf from 2021 onwards. After several years of predominantly online gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 was the year in-person meetings returned and travel picked up again. The GYA compensated 115 tons of CO₂ that originate from approx. 485,000 kilometers of flights taken between June and December 2022. GYA's contribution to climate protection in the amount of 2,070 EUR will benefit a [biomass-based project in the Indian state of Rajasthan](#) that buys previously worthless and therefore usually burnt crop residues from small local farmers.

Items of interest



(University of Stavanger, Norway) has written an opinion piece for Nature on the pressures faced by early-career researchers.

Read her article "[Academia's culture of overwork almost broke me, so I'm working to undo it](#)"

GYA in the media

Building Science in Africa - *Nature Africa*

Confidence in research: researchers in the spotlight - *Economist Impact*

News from our members and alumni

Jia Chen (Technical University of Munich, Germany) recently received a European Research Council consolidator grant with her project CoSense4Climate.

Justine Germo Nzweundji (Institute of Medical Research and Medicinal Plants Studies/ Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation, Cameroon) participated in several events during the World Science Forum 2022, during which she discussed the role of one's human capital and network in reinforcing the STI system in Africa, the perception of young scientists on the concept of Open Science, and diversity and inclusion in scientific policy advice, with a focus on how more young scientists could be involved.

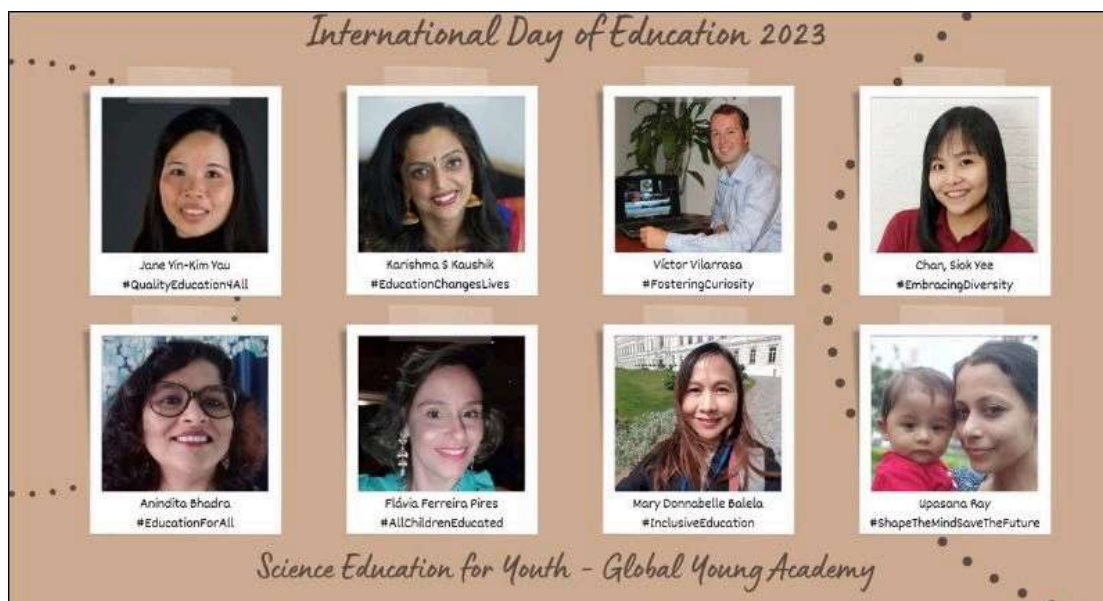
Sudesh Sivasasu (University of Cape Town, South Africa) was recently interviewed by alumna and past Executive Committee member **Almas Taj Awan** (Zika Lab Diagnostics, Brazil), for the Innovation from the Global South podcast episode "**How Biomedical Engineering Changes Lives**".

Alumnus and past Executive Committee member **Robert Lepenies** (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany) recently **discussed artificial intelligence on German television station 3Sat**.

Please use [this form](#) to send us your stories and accomplishments - we'll include them in social media and in the newsletter!

GYA Activities

Working Groups



2023 International Day of Education

For the 2023 International Day of Education on 24 January, the [Science Education for Youth](#) working group compiled a collage pledging to observe the global movement of supporting quality education for all including girls, children with disabilities or from minority groups, conflict areas & environments suffering from climate impacts.

Trust in Science group presents project findings

In January, the GYA joined forces with the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World to present the webinar "Science Ethics and Science Communication - what does it mean for you?"

[Lisa Herzog](#) (University of Groningen, Netherlands), co-lead of the [Trust in \(Young\) Scientists](#) working group, and Kristin Raabe presented the [SCISO project](#) to over 60 participants from all over the world and involved them in some interactive exercises about understanding their audience and planning forms of science communication that would allow building trust.

News from the Young Academies

2023 Letten Prize: call for applications

Are you a young researcher? Are you working within the fields of health, development, environment or equality in any aspect of human life? Then apply to the Letten Prize! The prize is open to researchers under the age 45 from all corners of the world. The Letten Prize is a collaboration between the [Letten Foundation](#) and [The Young Academy of Norway](#). The prize of 2.5 mill NOK (ca. 235,000 USD) will be awarded bi-annually. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed, and the winner will be awarded the prize at the

Deadline: 6 February 2023

Dutch Young Academy releases report on the support for refugee scholars

In a recent report, the [Dutch Young Academy](#) outlines relevant organisational problems and puts forward recommendations related to effective support for at-risk scholars through higher education institutes in the Netherlands.

Check out the report here: [Support for Refugee Scholars in the Netherlands Facilities, problems, and recommendations for structured support for at-risk scholars in the Netherlands](#).

Partners



International Science Council statement on the exclusion of women from university education in Afghanistan

The GYA advocates for the protection of – and equal access to – education and research infrastructures in Afghanistan, including schools, universities, libraries, laboratories and repositories.

As such, we echo the sentiments of the recent [International Science Council](#) article deploring the exclusion of women from university education in Afghanistan, and urging Afghan authorities to reverse their decision.

[Read the article here](#).



Mothers in Science

The GYA has partnered with Mothers In Science and 16 other organisations across the world to call on our leaders for immediate action to promote inclusion of caregivers and increase retention of women in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine) careers.

Read the [action plan for funding agencies here](#), which outlines a set of specific and actionable strategies to promote inclusion of caregivers and close the gender gap in research funding.

TWAS Fellows elect new Council, led by President Abdool Karim

For the first time, the 16-member TWAS Council will be comprised of exactly eight men and eight women.

Quarraisha Abdool Karim, a world-leading AIDS researcher from South Africa, has been elected to serve as the seventh President of The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries (UNESCO-TWAS).

[Read more here.](#)



Events

3-4 May 2023

organised by the [Young Academy of Sweden](#). The GYA will be represented by Executive Committee member [Filippo Rossi](#) (Politecnico di Milano, Italy), GYA member [Markus Prutsch](#) (European Parliament, Austria), and GYA Senior Project Officer [Anna-Maria Gramatté](#).

10-12 May 2023

International Science Council Member Networking Event

ISC Members and Affiliated Bodies are invited to this in-person event which forms part of the ISC Global Knowledge Dialogue series. This will be the first occasion for all ISC Members to meet in person since the founding General Assembly in 2018 and will be an important opportunity for Members to network, share needs and learning, and discuss the strategic and organizational objectives of the ISC. The GYA will be represented by Executive Committee Member [Monika Kedra](#) (Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland) and GYA Senior Project Officer [Jennifer Plaul](#).

5-9 June 2023

2023 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists

After three years of virtual meetings, the 2023 GYA AGM will take place in-person in Kigali, Rwanda, from 5-9 June 2023, in connection with the International Conference of Young Scientists on the topic "Technological Innovations for Discovering Solutions to the World's Greatest Current Challenges.

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