

**Agenda**  
**Horizon Europe Launch Event – Focus on Africa Initiative**  
**15 July, 2021 09:30 – 13:20 (GMT+2)**

**Moderator** – Mr. Hambani Masheleni, Head of Science and Technology, African Union Commission

09:30 – 10:00	<b>Opening EC and AUC</b>	Director Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation in Research & Innovation, European Commission	
		Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Director Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, AUC	
		Ambassador Birgitte Markussen, Head of Delegation of EU Delegation to the AU	
10:00 – 10:30	<b>On-going cooperation</b>	Current R&I cooperation status and future strategic priorities	Ms. Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, International Cooperation, DG Research and Innovation, EC
			Ms. Catherine Ghoot, DG International Partnerships, Unit A2 Regional and Multi-Country Programmes for Africa, Science, Technology, Innovation
10:30 – 11:15	<b>New cooperation prospects with suggestions from previous experiences view</b>	Horizon Europe and Africa Initiative	Dr. Piero Venturi, EU Science Counsellor to the AU, DG Research and Innovation, EC
		African Research Initiative for Scientific Excellence Pilot Programme (ARISE-PP)	Prof. Catherine Ngila, Acting Executive Director, African Academy of Sciences
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Researchers Mobility</b>	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)	Ms. Julie Lepretre, Policy Officer, DG Education and Culture
		EURAXESS Africa	Mr. Dalibor Drljaca, Programme Officer
11:45 – 12:15	<b>African Scientists Talk</b>	The points of view of African scientists who participated in European R&I programmes	Dr. Rose Omari, Senior Research Scientist at the Science and Technology Policy Research Institute, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR-STEPRI), LEAP4FNSSA
			Dr. Emmanuel Salifu, Research Associate, University of Strathclyde
			Dr. Kaleab Baye, Associate Professor, Director of the Center for Food Science and Nutrition, Addis Ababa University
12:15 – 13:15	<b>Questions and Answers</b>		
13:15 – 13:20	<b>Conclusions</b>		