

Programme

8.30 *Registration opens and refreshments*

9.00–10.00 *Poster sessions and networking*

- **All FAPI and African projects are encouraged to participate with their posters. You can also send us your electrical poster to be published on the website of FAPI.**

10.00–10.15 *Welcoming words*

Marjo Kaartinen, Rector, University of Turku

10.15–10.30 *Greetings from the EU*

Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnership, European Union

10.30–11.00 *Keynote speech: The role of education in science, technology, and innovation strategies in Africa,*

Professor John Ouma Mugabe, University of Pretoria

Session 1: 11.00–12.15 Research based University education in Finland and Africa

Chair: **Sai Väyrynen**, Director, GINTL Africa and China -network, University of Helsinki

What kind of sustainable educational co-operation we should have with our African partners? How our university education should address the current development in Africa? What kind of education we should offer for our new generation both in Finland and Africa? How the global change should be addressed in the curriculum development? How to raise awareness about Africa and interest among students and young researchers in Finland?

- *Unboxing Africa – recognising entangled pasts and presents for a shared future*

Professor Friederike Lüpke, African Studies, University of Helsinki

- *Finnish Higher Education and the African Question*

Associate Professor Emmanuel Acquah, Åbo Akademi University

- *How to raise awareness and interest among students and young researchers*

Dr. Joy Eghonghon Akahome, Senior lecturer, Coimbra Group Young African fellow at the University of Turku, Federal University Otuoke Bayelsa State, Nigeria

- *How can we reduce asymmetries in Finland-Africa academic partnerships?*

Dr. Elizabeth Eta, Postdoctoral Researcher, GINTL network, University of Helsinki

Discussions

12.15–13.30 *Lunch, Possibility to view the posters in the lobby of Natura*

Session 2: 13.30–14.30 FAPI-network Collaboration cases with Africa: the future impact

Chair: **Kirsi Korpela**, International Liaison Officer, Partnerships and Strategic Engagement Unit, University of Turku

- Geospatial Data and Digital Technology Hub for transformative innovations in the global South

Professor Niina Käyhkö, Department of Geography and Geology, University of Turku

- *Innovating Together: Finland-Africa Partnership for Impactful Health Education*

Desale Khsay, Doctoral Researcher, Nursing Science, University of Turku

- *Course on sustainable urban regeneration*

Kaisa Kanerva, Senior Lecturer and Team Leader, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences

- *Maternal mental health in sub-Saharan Africa: eMAMA project*

Arina Ventelä, Project Advisor, Turku University of Applied Sciences

Discussions

Session 3: 14.30–15.45 Importance of Namibia-Finland cooperation in the future

Chair: **Professor Maija Peltola**, University of Turku

- *Community-driven tree planting for sustainable forestry in Namibia (FAPI-seed funding project)*

Sanna Huttunen, Researcher, University of Turku

- *Fostering Sustainable Futures with Namibia*

Roseanna Avento, Global Development Manager, University of Eastern Finland

- *Lessons learned from running the University of Turku overseas campus in Namibia 2019–2024*

Professor Erkki Sutinen, University of Turku

- *Southern African science and culture institute to Windhoek*

Rector Emeritus Professor Kalervo Väänänen

Discussion

Short break

Panel session: 16.00–16.45 Education and Research with Impact regarding Africa

Chair: **Professor Jussi Jauhiainen**, FAPI Network Academic Leader, University of Turku

Panelists:

Professor Erkki Sutinen, University of Turku

Professor Niina Käyhkö, University of Turku

Director Kaisa Kurki, UniPID

Director Sai Väyrynen, GINTL Africa and China

Associate Professor Emmanuel Acquah, Åbo Akademi University

Professor Enrico Di Minin, University of Helsinki

16.45– 17.00 Wrap up: toward the future in the cooperation

Irinja Paakkanen, Head of International Affairs, Partnerships and Strategic Engagement Unit, University of Turku

17.00–18.00 Reception: Networking and possibility to view the posters