



Science Diplomacy Capital for Africa THE INITIATIVE

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“... scientific inventions, at all conceivable levels should enrich human life, not threaten existence. Science should be the greatest ally, not the worst enemy of mankind. Only so can the world, not only respond to the worthy efforts of Nobel, but also ensure itself against self-destruction.”

Albert John Luthuli (30 Nov 1897 – 21 Jul 1967) Nobel Peace Prize recipient, extract from the acceptance speech on 10 December 1961 in Oslo

Outline

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SDCfA – The Initiative

- A joint Department of Science and Innovation and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research initiative
- Promotes science collaboration across Africa and beyond
- Addressing challenges facing humanity
- South Africa's Science and Innovation Decadal Plan 2022-2032 and related Foresight Studies, contributed to the initiative
- Aligned to Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063

SDCfA Focus Areas



Sound governance



An enabling environment



Appropriate interventions towards economic benefit



Expanding and transforming research systems



Leveraging the dynamism of cross border and international co-operation and relations



More productive funding



The value of monitoring, evaluation, and policy learning.

Location and Role Players

- **The host** – City of Tshwane
- **The hub** – CSIR International Convention Centre
- **Role players:** Diplomatic Missions; National-Provincial-Local Government and Agencies; Science Councils; Universities; Regional and Global Agencies; the Private Sector and Civil Society.



Development Phase 2022-2025: Past Activities

- **SDCfA Launch** – 8 July 2022, CSIR ICC
- **Activities since the launch:**
 - BIO Africa Convention 27 – 31 August 2022, Durban ICC - SDCfA session: ‘We are stronger together’ – 31 August 2022
 - The Science Circus - Science Educators Workshop in collaboration with the Australian High Commission – 12 September 2022, CSIR ICC
 - SDCfA Brand Ambassadors – currently three young women who embody the importance of knowledge sharing
 - Diplomatic Community: World Science Forum Briefing – 23 September 2022, CSIR ICC

Development Phase 2022-2025: Past Activities (Cont...)

- CSIR 8th Biennial Conference 2-3 November 2022, CSIR ICC - SDCfA session: 'The role of science diplomacy in supporting a capable' – 3 November 2022
- WAITRO 14-16 November 2022, Lord Charles Hotel Somerset West, SDCfA Working Group Member invited speaker at the launch of the WAITRO Africa Special Interest Group, 16 November 2022
- World Science Forum, 5-9 December 2022, Cape Town ICC – Parallel Session on Science Diplomacy for Social Justice – 8 December 2022
- World Science Forum, 5-9 December 2022, Cape Town ICC – Side event in collaboration UCT and Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator on Youth and Anticipation – 8 December 2022

Development Phase 2022-2025: 2023 Activities

- 12th World Conference of Science Journalists, 27 – 31 March 2023 in Medellin, Colombia – SDCfA Working Group Member invited speaker at the opening plenary session - Giving & taking scientific advice: why inclusiveness matter, 28 March 2023
- 2023 upcoming plans for co-operation and engagement with the explicit intent of building positive relationships for the Africa we want:
 - IST Africa Conference 2023
 - Diplomatic Circle Focus Groups
 - Manifesto, Lectures/Seminars, Networking Events
 - Establishment of SDGs 4, 10 and 13 Working Groups
 - Visit to STI facilities

Beyond 2025

The establishment of a legal entity that reinforces the four pillars of SDCfA

- Registration as an NPO
- Own funding

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