

First Consultative Forum

Co-Creating the Southern Africa Physics Network (SAPhysNet)

Draft Programme: 05 July 2024: 09:00 – 13:00(SAST)

HYBRID MEETING	Online Link	
	In-person Venue	Wits SH6

Programme Facilitators: Prof Igle Gledhill (Wits) and Prof Rudolph Erasmus (Wits)

Time	Activity	Speaker
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	SAIP
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome and House Rules	Prof Sam Ramaila (UJ) & Facilitators
09:10 – 09:20	SAPhysNet Background & Historical Context	Prof Muronga (NMU)
Session 1: Role of Science Networks in Development		
09:20 – 09:30	Role of Policymakers in International Cooperation	Ms Lindiwe Gama (DSI)
09:30 – 09:40	Support for Regional Networks & Africa Cooperation	Mr Michael Nxumalo/ Ms Busi Molefe (NFR)
Session 2: Status and Lessons from Other Science and Physics Regional Networks		
09:40 – 09:50	IUPAP promoting regional networks	Prof Nithaya Chetty / Prof Igle Gledhill (Wits)
09:50 – 10:05	Lessons from other regional science networks	Prof Farai Mhlanga (UL) SAMSA President
10:05– 10:20	West Africa Regional Physics Network - lessons and benefits	Prof Oumar Ka (UCAD, Senegal) WASP President
10:20 -10:30	Opportunities African Networks & Societies: Large Scale Infrastructure & Events	Prof Simon Connell (UJ)
10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break		
11:00 – 11:30	Input on physics networks and societies in Southern African countries	Facilitators
11:30 – 12:30	Questions and open discussion	Facilitators
Session 3: Way forward for our region – Southern Africa Physics Network		
12:30 – 12:55	Way forward, discussion and next steps	Facilitators
12:55 – 13:00	Vote of thanks	Prof Rudolph Erasmus
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break		