

The South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS)

cordially invite you to a Webinar on

**What Science will look like after COVID-19?
COVID-19 and its Impact on Knowledge Production and Research in Africa**

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2020
Time: 11:00 – 12:30
Format: Webinar
RSVP: [Click here](#) to register by 12:00 on Wednesday, 22 July 2020

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the science and knowledge enterprise has had its fair share of successes and challenges. These are wide ranging from low funding streams at best to a lack of funding at worst, a lack of basic resources and infrastructure, attracting and retaining qualified educators and others. With the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic and the response to utilising science and evidence-based approaches in their responses in some countries, there may be opportunities to better position the place of science in tackling developmental challenges. We seek to interrogate how and if the current pandemic can create opportunities for better integration of the knowledge enterprise and science-policy nexus.

Facilitator:

Prof Willie Chinyamurindi, Department of Business Management, University of Fort Hare & SAYAS ExCo Member

Panellists:

- Prof Johann Mouton, Director of the Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST) and the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Scientometrics and STI Policy and ASSAf Council Member
- Dr Thandi Mgwebi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Internationalisation (RII), Nelson Mandela University
- Dr Richard L.K. Glover, Programme Specialist, International Science Council (ISC) Regional Office for Africa
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