

 OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2020

**Open with Purpose:**  
Taking Action to Build Structural  
Equity and Inclusion

OCTOBER 19-25

**ASSAf Open Access Week 2020 Diary – Save the Dates!**  
**“Open with Purpose: Taking Action to Build Structural Equity and Inclusion”**  
**19 – 25 October 2020**

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) is looking forward towards participating in Open Access Week, celebrated globally from 19 until 25 October 2020, themed: **“Open with Purpose: Taking Action to Build Structural Equity and Inclusion”**.

We invite all members of the scholarly community to participate in the following series of events, to be presented by ASSAf, in collaboration with other stakeholders. Please register where required and where indicated.

The following selected activities would run throughout the week:

- Follow the Academy on Twitter [@ASSAf Official](#), [#OpenAccess](#), [#OpenScience](#), [#OWeek2020](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Webinars from Tuesday, 20 October to Friday, 23 October 2020

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**Tuesday, 20 October 2020, 10:00-11:00 SAST**

**Webinar: Global Open Access to Scholarly Literature: Progress and Evidence of African Leadership**

There is accumulating evidence of large-scale global progress towards open access, with most current estimates placing the proportion of scholarly content that is freely available to read at around 50%. This progress has been accompanied with significant debate on the most efficient, most affordable, and most equitable routes towards a goal of 100%. Relatively little attention has been paid to how different regions and countries are achieving open access and the different routes they are taking. In this talk I will discuss global progress, and evidence that far from following that progress, many African institutions are leading it, with measured open access levels amongst the highest in the world. What are the policy implications for scholarly communications from Africa and how can we build greater visibility for African research on a global scale?

**Presenter: Prof Cameron Neylon**, Centre for Culture and Technology, Curtin University

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/36FOvb9>

**Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/93631619759?pwd=SURldyt5eDRXMm9xcG5CaDR0QTZLdz09>

**Webinar Passcode:** 636876

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**Wednesday, 21 October 2020, 10:00-12:00 SAST**

**Webinar: POPI Act (POPIA) Forum - The need for a single Code of Conduct for Research and discussion of key issues to be addressed in the Code.** See <https://bit.ly/3iKubry>

In South Africa (SA) the use of personal information for research is regulated by the National Health Act No61 of 2003 and its 2012 regulations, the Department of Health Ethics in Health Research: Principles, Processes and Structures Guidelines and the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) No2 of 2000. This changes with the coming into force of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) No4 of 2013 on 1 July 2020 [<https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/docs/InfoRegSA-POPIA-act2013-004.pdf>]. All public and private bodies that are processing personal information have until 1 July 2021 to ensure that they are compliant with the law. To guide the application of POPIA to research, the Academy of Sciences of South Africa (ASSAf) considers it essential to develop a POPIA Code of Conduct for Research.

**Presenter: TBC**

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/36FOvb9>

**Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/98869321185?pwd=MVh2cWhmcE9FNmp5MUluUk1pVWR4Zz09>

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**Thursday, 22 October 2020, 11:30-12:30 SAST**

**Webinar: The Open Science Agenda & Framework for South Africa**

Science is under pressure to be more open, accessible, empowering to all parts of the social fabric of our societies. In a sense this stems from a recognition that science is a powerful lever to improve the quality of human existence and to broaden and deepen our understanding of humanity and of the universe. Yet, evidenced in the struggle against CoViD-19 and global warming, we witness in many parts of the world a deeply concerning slide towards anti-scientific, anti-intellectual paradigms. In this presentation we explore the progress that has been made in developing the conceptual framework together with the kinds of policy change that may be required to achieve its rollout. In particular, we explore the need for an ecosystem approach to open science if it is to make the kind of impact that is expected of it.

**Presenter: Prof Ahmed Bawa**, Chief Executive Officer, Universities South Africa (USAf)

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/36FOvb9>

**Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/94095003918?pwd=cXV4ckZkZnpVME0vNTJJob2lZbEw2UT09>

**Webinar Passcode:** 683916

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**Friday, 23 October 2020, 10:00-12:00 SAST**

**Webinar: The African Scientists Directory: Presentation and Q&A**

The African Scientists Directory – collaboratively developed by the International Science Council (ISC) Regional Office for Africa (ROA) and the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), with funding made available by the South African Department of Science and Innovation – seeks to provide relevant information on African experts in the natural and social sciences, humanities, engineering and mathematics. It is envisaged this directory will: (i) facilitate the free flow of scientists and scientific knowledge across the borders; and promote the participation of African scientists in activities of the ISC family; (ii) ensure efficient information transfer from the ISC and its family members to the scientific community in Africa; and the collection and dissemination of any valuable scientific information for Africa; and (iii) promote and facilitate the formation of scientific societies and academies within the continent as well as sub-regional partnerships on the continent. The directory will also promote and facilitate capacity building in Africa, including support for post-graduate training programmes for early-career scientists.

**Presenters:** Dr Daniel Nyanganyura, Regional Director, International Science Council and Regional Office for Africa and Ina Smith, SciELO Planning Manager, Academy of Science of South Africa.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/36FOvb9>

**Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/91957963684?pwd=dkxhdjhVYkhYVHBJSENEZ1NrcTZlQT09>

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## Brief biographies

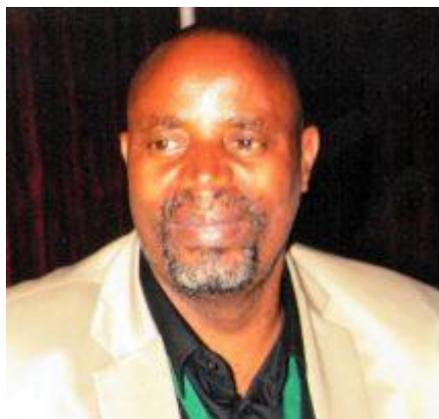


**Cameron Neylon** is Professor of Research Communication at the Centre for Culture and Technology at Curtin University and well-known agitator for opening up the process of research. His current work focusses on how the cultures of research affect and effect change in research communications. He speaks regularly on issues of Open Science including Open Access publication, Open Data, and Open Source as well as the wider technical and social issues of applying the opportunities the internet brings to the practice of science.

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**Professor Ahmed Bawa** is the CEO of Universities South Africa. Until 2016, he was Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Durban University of Technology. He also served as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Natal (later to be the University of KwaZulu-Natal). At the City University of New York, USA, he was a Faculty Member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Hunter College, USA, and a Member of the doctoral faculty at the Graduate Center. He holds a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Durham University in the UK. Prof Bawa was appointed Associate Provost for Curriculum Development. He serves on the advisory board of the Higher Education Support Programme of the Open Society Foundation.



**Dr Daniel Nyanganyura** is an Atmospheric Physicist with a special interest in boundary layer physics and air pollutants transport modelling, and how the pollutants impact on human health, the environment and climate. He has vested interest in issues that promote interdisciplinary research collaboration as well as bridge and foster the science-policy interface. He is the current Regional Director for the International Science Council Regional Office for Africa. Dr Nyanganyura has worked as a Programme Specialist for Physics, Mathematics, and Engineering Sciences at the International Science Council Regional Office for Africa.

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**Ina Smith** is the SciELO Planning Manager at the Academy of Science of South Africa. Her role was to assist with the development of the African Scientists Directory, and she continues to provide support to users of this directory.

