

PUBLIC LECTURE INVITATION

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and the University of Johannesburg cordially invite you to a virtual public lecture by ASSAf Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Professor Romain Murenzi

TITLE:

Science Policy, Science Literacy: post-COVID education for the developing world during the Fourth Industrial Revolution

The lecture will address areas for focus for the developing world and Africa in particular to become better-equipped for a Post-COVID-19 world based on innovative learning mechanisms and STI systems, alongside resilient and environmental-friendly economies.

DATE ▪ **10 September 2020**

TIME ▪ **15:00 to 16:30 CAT**

ZOOM Webinar ▪ <https://zoom.us/j/99996176994>

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ABOUT PROF ROMAIN MURENZI

Romain Murenzi serves as Executive Director, The World Academy of Sciences for the Advancement of Science in Developing Countries (TWAS), Trieste, Italy.

He also oversees the administration of OWSD, the Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World with over 7,000 members; of IAP, the InterAcademy Partnership, a global network of some 130 academies of science and medicine; and of GenderINSITE (GIS), international initiative to promote the role of women in science, innovation, technology and engineering.

He formerly served as Rwanda's Minister of Education, S&T and Scientific Research (2001–2006), and as Minister in the President's Office in Charge of S&T, and Scientific Research, with responsibilities including ICT (March 2006 – July 2009).

In 2009 he was a senior scholar at AAAS Center for Science, Technology and Sustainable Development; he served as director from 2010–2011.

Murenzi was born in Rwanda in 1959 and raised in Burundi: BSc from National University of Burundi in 1982, MSc (1986) and PhD from Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium (1990). He also holds a Master of Laws in Information Technology and Telecommunication Laws (2013).

His major areas of research include multidimensional continuous wavelet transforms to quantum mechanics, image and video processing, and science and technology policy.

Murenzi was elected a fellow of TWAS in 2005 and a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences in 2012.

In 2019 the University of Johannesburg conferred an Honorary Doctoral Degree in recognition of his achievements and contributions to society.



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