

# DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Chair:** Prudence Makhura, Co-Chair of the MLE-WG

08:30 - 18:00      Registration desk open      *Registration pass is valid for the entire day*

| 09:00 - 09:15 |     |  | <b>Introduction</b> |
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| 09:00 - 09:05 | 5'  | <b>Introductory Remarks</b><br><i>Alejandro Adem, Chairperson of GRC</i>   |                     |
| 09:05 - 09:20 | 15' | <b>Establishment of the Multilateral Engagement Working Group (MLE-WG) and the Impact of the Day's Sessions on the Work of the Group</b><br><i>Prudence Makhura and Osamu Kobayashi, Co-Chairs of the MLE-WG</i> |                     |

9:20 - 12:00 (incl. break)

## Session 1:

### Harmonising Transdisciplinary Collaboration and Multilateral Funding for Global Sustainability

*This integrated proposal showcases a synergistic approach to fostering sustainability research, acknowledging the interdependence of transdisciplinary collaboration and multilateral funding mechanisms in addressing complex global challenges. Explore innovative institutional arrangements and multilateral funding tools that can collectively advance sustainable solutions to pressing global challenges through a comprehensive dialogue that addresses the facilitation of collaborative transdisciplinary research and implementation of multilateral funding models.*

Session chair: Shaun Baron (NSERC, Canada)

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| <b>(1)</b>  |     | <b>(2)</b>   |  |
| <b>The Global Centers Program: Addressing global challenges through multidisciplinary and international collaborations to advance use-inspired research</b> |     | <b>Novel arrangements to foster sustainability research</b>  |  |
| (organisers: NSERC/NSF US)  |     | (organisers: IAI/CONFAP/FAPESP)  |  |
| 09:20 - 09:25   | 5'  | <b>Introduction</b>  |  |
| 09:25 - 09:55   | 30' | <b>Panel discussion (1):</b><br>The Global Centers Program: Addressing Global Challenges through Multidisciplinary and international Collaborations to advance use-inspired research<br><br><b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kendra Sharp (NSF) – The Global Centers Program: Use-inspired research to address global challenges</li> <li>• Shaun Baron (NSERC) – Diversity and Inclusion: Multidisciplinary Research Teams to address global challenges</li> <li>• Mike Bright (UKRI) – Knowledge to Action: Implementation of the GRC Foresight Report and SOPs through MLE</li> </ul> |  |

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| 09:55 - 10:25 | 30' | <b>Panel discussion (2):</b><br>Novel arrangements to foster sustainability research<br><br><b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rafael Andery (Amazônia +10 Initiative) – How to build multi-stakeholder coalitions to fund transdisciplinary research aiming at addressing urgent societal problems: Challenges in the coalition of national research funding partnerships</li> <li>Alexander Turra (FAPESP/Proasa) – How to build multi-stakeholder coalitions to fund transdisciplinary research aiming at addressing urgent societal problems: Challenges in the coalition of international research funding partnerships</li> <li>Nicole Arbour (Belmont Forum, representing IAI) – How to make such arrangements truly transdisciplinary</li> </ul> |
| 10:25 - 10:40 | 15' | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| 10:40 - 11:00 | 20' | Coffee break in Konzerthalle   |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | 30' | <b>World Café</b><br><i>Facilitated by Wenda Bauchspies, Bruna Arenque &amp; Ana Yokosawa</i>  |
| 11:30 - 11:45 | 15' | <b>Summary and conclusions</b><br><i>Organisers (1) and (2)</i>  |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | 15' | <b>Session 1 concluding remarks and feedback to the MLE-WG</b><br><i>Shaun Baron, MLE-WG Member</i>  |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | 60' | Lunch  |

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**Session 2:**

### Scaling MLE Projects Globally: Best Practices for Synergy and Inclusion

*Hold a discussion on the following to create a roadmap on how to scale regional MLE projects into global projects. Share best practices and case studies on how to work efficiently while keeping in mind that each region has different needs in order to have MLE research projects that promote synergy and inclusion. Get input from both the Global South and the North on how to enable greater collaboration outside of regions*

Session chair: Hassan Alayied (KACST, Saudi Arabia)

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| 13:00 - 14:50 | 110' | <b>Promoting regional networks of research councils:<br/>Capacity-strengthening and research collaboration as connectors</b><br>(organisers: NRFSA/FONSTI/IDRC/DFG/NRCT/SENACYT)<br><br>Moderator: Dr. Anicia Peters (NCRST) |
| 13:00 - 13:05 | 5'   | <b>Welcome and introduction</b><br><i>Dr. Dorothy Ngila (NRF) and Dr Matthew Wallace (IDRC)</i>  |
| 13:05 - 13:35 | 30'  | <b>A focus on the Science Granting Councils Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa</b><br><i>Dr Amos Nungu (COSTECH), Dr Yaya Sangare (FONSTI), Dr Cephass Adjei Mensah (MESTI)</i>  |
| 13:35 - 13:45 | 10'  | <b>Plenary discussion</b>  |

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| 13:45 - 14:15 | 30' | <b>A focus on regional networks or research councils in ASPAC, Americas and MENA</b><br><i>Dr Wiprat De-ong (NRCT), Ana Vasquez (ANII), Dr. Hassan Alayied (KACST)</i> |
| 14:15 - 14:25 | 10' | <b>Plenary discussion 1</b>  |
| 14:25 - 14:50 | 25' | <b>Plenary discussion 2</b>  |
| 14:50 - 15:00 | 10' | <b>Session 2 summary, discussion and feedback to the MLE-WG</b><br><i>Hassan Alayied, MLE-WG Member</i>  |

15:00 - 18:10 (incl. break)

**Session 3:**

## Towards Equity and Solidarity: Fostering Inclusive and Responsible Cooperation in Global Research

*By recognising the interconnectedness of the global research community, these topics discuss and address the imbalance in powers that Funding Agencies face, which makes realising sustainable and equitable MLE's difficult. It is important to find ways to level the playing field to foster and sustain inclusive cooperation, trust, and solidarity between the Funding Agencies for robust global relationships. These healthy relations will allow Funding Agencies to efficiently tackle global issues and realise SDG goals, addressing key areas including decolonising science, responsible internationalisation, and building reciprocal relations.*

Session chair: Marcus Wilms (DFG, Germany)

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**Strengthening Global Research Collaborations: Bridging the Divide between Large and Small Research Entities and between the North and the South for Sustainable Development and Decolonization of Science**

(organisers: Science Fund of Serbia, CSRS, SwissTPH)

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| 15:00 - 16:00 | 60' | <b>Panel discussion</b><br>Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sonja Budiša Milenković, International Relations Manager, Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia</li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Jürg Utzinger, Director of SwissTPH</li> </ul> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jörg Schneider, Head of Division, International Affairs, DFG, Germany</li> <li>• Prof. Anicia Peters, Chief Executive Officer at the National Commission on Research Science and Technology, Namibia</li> <li>• Dr. Gesa Pellier, Global Health and Sustainability at Novartis, Switzerland</li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Inza Koné, Director General of Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire (CSRS)</li> <li>• Dr. Milica Duric Jovicic, Acting Director of the SFRS</li> </ul> |
| 16:00 - 16:20 | 20' | Coffee break in Konzerthalle   |
| 16:20 - 16:50 | 30' | <p>(5)</p> <b>Responsible Internationalisation: A funders dialogue towards building reciprocal, impactful, and equitable international research partnerships</b><br>(organisers: JST/ NSERC/NSF/STINT)   |
|               |     | <b>Setting the Scene</b>   |

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|               |     | <b>Presentation on responsible internationalization</b>   |
|               |     | <b>Plenary discussion</b>   |
|               |     | <b>Closing remarks</b>  |
| 16:50 - 17:10 | 20' | <b>Summary of (4) and (5)</b>   |
| 17:10 - 17:50 | 40' | <b>(6)</b><br><b>Research Software - Challenges and Funding</b><br>(organisers: DFG, NWO)   |
| 17:10 - 17:25 | 15' | <b>Introduction to the Research Software Ecosystem</b><br><i>Presentation by Prof. Daniel S. Katz, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i>                        |
| 17:25 - 17:30 | 5'  | <b>The Amsterdam Declaration on Funding Research Software Sustainability</b><br><i>Presentation by Dr Michelle Barker, Director of the Research Software Alliance</i> |
| 17:30 - 17:35 | 5'  | <b>Funder success story</b><br><i>Presentation by Dr Florian Mannseicher, DFG</i>   |
| 17:35 - 17:50 | 15' | <b>What can GRC participants do?</b><br><i>Discussion moderated by Dr Maria Cruz, NWO</i>   |
| 17:50 - 18:10 | 20' | <b>Session 3 summary, discussion and feedback to the MLE-WG</b><br><i>Marcus Wilms, MLE-WG Member</i>   |
| 18:10 - 18:30 | 20' | <b>Wrap-up of the day and reflections by participating HORCS</b><br><i>Osamu Kobayashi, Co-Chair of the MLE-WG</i>  |