

Our next #ScienceAfrica UnConference is coming!



An interactive day for all those passionate about Africa's scientific development

The PEI UnConference series is returning on 18th November 2014, in London, bringing together 100 people working on science, technology and innovation in Africa. The day is about interaction and open discussion, free for all working on or passionate about Africa's continued growth.

This year, our UnConference will have a morning of panel debates and workshops, with organisations at the heart of the African science and technology agenda. The afternoon

will launch our new Africa Data Challenge, where participants can pitch for project seed funding for their project ideas related to the emerging data revolution.

"It's an incredible to see a room full of such excitement and enthusiasm for African science. It's been a fantastic day and will add to our projects on the ground".

Kasirim Nwuke, Head of Technology at UN Economic Commission for Africa

We are working for the scientific independence of Africa. Join us.

Agenda

8.30am - 9.00am	Breakfast & registration
9.00am - 10.30am	Panel session & Q&A: Led by Rt Hon Lord Boateng with guests from leading African development organisations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• United Nations Economic Commission• World Bank• African Development Bank• African Union• Corporate sponsors & PEI Partners Forum members
10.30am - 11.15am	Break
11.15am - 1.00pm	Workshops and table groups on key areas Session topics will be voted on before the day, supplemented by open space for groups suggested on the day.
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Lunch
2.15pm - 3.30pm	Africa Data Challenge There is a lot of talk about the data revolution in development. But what does it mean for Africa? Our Africa Data Challenge will invite innovative small scale project presentations, before awarding a seed-funding grant to the winner.
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Closing remarks

Africa Data Challenge:

Do you have a pilot project that could help realise the data revolution in Africa?



As a charity passionate about African science and technology, we are always trying to find ways of linking cutting edge scientific debates and issues to the continent's academics and innovators. Much has been talked about the Data revolution, and of Big Data v Open Data, but at the moment the practical improvements to scientific development in Africa aren't so widely felt. So we are inviting you to be part of our Africa Data Challenge, and pitch your ideas

for projects that can help translate and transmit this agenda to those on the continent. It could be a local student training programme, a workshop series for policy-makers or helping connect people online who could benefit from better understanding about making the most of data. It could be a new pilot app or platform, a university-wide campaign or mentoring of a small number of African students. It's up to you!

Initial ideas are invited on a broad spectrum of themes and areas, as long as they will be:

- Delivered in the next 12 months for a budget of <£5,000
- Designed to have a human impact (whether students, academics, civil society, government or other)
- Pitched with the support of an academic institution or related organisation in Africa
- Proposed with a clear understanding of data privacy, access and availability in Africa

- Developed to include dissemination or findings and conclusions

Interested parties are invited to send brief proposals to nick@planetearthinstitute.org.uk by 1st October, 2014. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to pitch their ideas in a 10-15 minute slot at the PEI UnConference on 18th November, 2014 in London and deliver the project with support of PEI and our partners throughout.

Look forward to hearing from you!

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