

# INVITATION

The **Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)** would like to invite you to the following webinar:

## **The African Scientists Directory: Connecting African Scientists Globally**

Speakers: Dr Daniel Nyanganyura and Ina Smith



**Date:** 23 October 2020

**Time:** 09:00 – 10:00 SAST

**Venue:** Virtual via Zoom

**RSVP:** Register at <http://bit.ly/oaweek2020>. A link to the meeting room will be sent to all registered participants closer to the date.

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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.

Join us for this webinar during which the speakers will provide an overview of this initiative, and learn about the benefits it offers for African science and scientists.

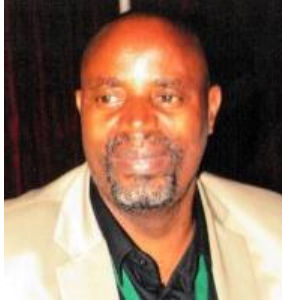
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**Dr Daniel Nyanganyura** is an Atmospheric Physicist with a special interest in boundary layer physics and air pollutants transport modelling, and how the pollutants impact on human health, the environment and climate. He has vested interest in issues that promote inter-disciplinary research collaboration as well as bridge and foster the science-policy interface.

Dr Nyanganyura holds a PhD in Atmospheric Physics, an MSc in Agricultural Meteorology, and a BSc 4th Year Honours in Physics from the University of Zimbabwe; and a Licentiate Degree in Education in the Specialty of Physics and Astronomy from Pedagogical University Enrique José Varona, Havana, Cuba.

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; an air pollution Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz, Germany; a Physics Lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe; an Advanced Level Physics and Computer Science Teacher.

He is a Member of the South African Institute of Physics, the South African Society for Atmospheric Sciences, and the Air Pollution Information Network for Africa.



**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.



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