

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

SUMMARIZED AGENDA

Day 1: 03 July 2025

08.00 - **Registration opens** (Committee Hall 1)

09.00 – 11.00 **Opening session**

- Meeting opening
- Welcome remarks
- Opening keynote
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- High-level conversation 1
- Official launch of ARISE-4D
- Panel discussion: Rethinking Africa's funding for science & innovation

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 2 (parallel):** From ideas to action: bridging STI divides, accelerating Africa's transition to a knowledge-based and innovation-led continent

- Panel 2a: Imperatives for strengthening Africa's knowledge economy
- Panel 2b: Situating science at the core of Africa's international relations

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3 (parallel):** Key Ingredients for R&D Ecosystems and Accelerating Innovation in Africa

- Opening presentations
- Spotlight Presentations
- High-level conversation 2

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 4:** Priorities and opportunities for scientific cooperation with Africa

- **Panel discussion:** Priorities for R&I cooperation with Africa
- **Roundtable Conversation:** Opportunities for R&I cooperation with Africa

17.30 – 20.00 **Gala reception**

- Poster presentations from select researchers/innovators
- Ghanaian culture experience
- Networking dinner

Day 2: 04 July 2025

09.00 – 10.30 **Session 5:** Good practices, opportunities, and priorities for science-diplomacy actions

- **Opening presentations:** Leveraging the political economy for science
- **Panel Discussion**

10.40 – 11.00 **Session 6:** Imperatives for R&I cooperation for protection of cultural heritage: insights from the SD-WISHEES Project

- Opening presentations
- Roundtable discussions

11.30 – 13.00 **Session 7:** Accra Declaration & Closing

- Highlights from Sessions
- Accra Declaration
- Closing remarks

14.00 – 18.00 Field visits