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## UNPACKING THE PACT FOR THE FUTURE: IMPERATIVES FOR ADVANCING SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WITH AFRICA

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### SUMMARIZED AGENDA

##### Day 1: 3rd July 2025

- 09.00 – 11.00 Opening ceremony
  - Opening remarks
  - Launch of ARISE 2.0
  - Panel discussion: Rethinking Africa's funding for science & innovation
- 11.30 – 13.00 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 From ideas to action: leveraging support from philanthropies and foundations
  - Roundtable discussion
- 16.00 – 16.45 Priorities and opportunities for scientific cooperation with Africa
  - Panel discussion
- 17.30 – 20.00 Gala reception
  - Poster presentations from select APTI & ARISE Fellows
  - Ghanaian culture experience
  - Networking dinner

##### Day 2: 4th July 2025

- 09.00 – 10.30 Good practices, opportunities, and priorities for science-diplomacy actions
  - Opening presentations: Leveraging the political economy for science
- 11.00 – 13.00 The African Research Initiative for Scientific Excellence (ARISE)
  - ARISE 2.0: Priority setting
- 14.00 – 15.00 Imperatives for R&I cooperation for cultural heritage: the SD-WISHEES Project
- 15.00 – 15.30 Closing