

**Day**

Wednesday / 20 NOV

**9:00 - 10:30**

Side event:

**Equitable Research Partnership for Impact**

**Organised by:** [African Academy of Sciences \(AAS\)](#), [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#), [European Commission \(DG RTD and DG INTPA\)](#)



**Venue:** Sinkovits Imre Chamber Theatre, Pesti Vigadó (4th floor)

**Abstract:**

Equitable research partnerships are essential for driving impactful change on the African continent and beyond. The 90-minute side event themed "*Equitable Research Partnership for Impact*" emphasizes the importance of building relationships that empower all stakeholders, ensuring that research not only addresses pressing challenges but also contributes to sustainable solutions that benefit everyone involved. The side event will provide an agenda setting and shaping platform for research granting stakeholders to discuss, reflect, align and build a consolidated approach leveraged upon diplomatic engagements and international cooperation. By fostering collaboration that prioritizes inclusivity, respect, and shared decision-making, we can harness diverse perspectives and expertise. High-level discussions will include promoting actionable strategies for achieving equity in research partnerships. This will enable panelists to contribute towards the enhancement of equitable partnerships in impactful research that addresses Africa's needs and aspirations for an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa, as envisioned in Agenda 2063.

An interactive roundtable discussion will follow, focusing on identifying the opportunities and challenges in equitable and impactful partnerships in research in Africa and beyond, showcasing successful models and case studies. The session will conclude with a Q&A session to engage the audience and panelists in a deeper exploration of the discussed theme.

**Keynote**

- *Professor Isabella Aboderin, Chair in Africa Research and Partnerships, Director, Perivoli Africa Research Centre (PARC), University of Bristol, UK (via video recording)*

**Speakers**

- *Dr Ezra Clark, Chief of Section, PCB/SC, UNESCO Paris, FRANCE*
- *Dr Peggy Oti-Boateng, AAS Executive Director , Nairobi, KENYA*
- *Inga Navardauskiene, Policy Officer, European Commission, Brussels, BELGIUM*
- *Dr Salvatore Aricò, Chief Executive Officer, ISC, Paris, FRANCE*

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