



**16<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 09h00 – 12h00 (Nairobi Time)**

# Conference Catalysing **East African Science** through **scientific partnership**

**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, Nairobi, Kenya (Hybrid)

## **Link visioconférence :**

<https://cnrs.zoom.us/meeting/register/HblmkvmZRqag1mIxIRpjbw>

The National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) are organizing a meeting to discuss new ways to collaborate with East Africa. The conference proposes to establish a scientific encounter between researchers funded by the CNRS multi-year cooperation roadmap and grantees of the African Research Initiative for Scientific Excellence (ARISE), an innovative research & innovation support program implemented by the AAS in partnership with the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU). With an emphasis on the ARISE program, which will be presented to the East African scientific community, the meeting aims to initiate a conversation about STI collaboration between European and African partners. The conference will consist of three moments: first, Bridget Mutuma (Grantee ARISE 1, department of Chemistry at UoN) will discuss her scientific findings with three CNRS researchers; second, she will talk with three Joint Research Project CNRS about her perspective on consolidation; and third, she will talk about the innovative aspects of the presented research. A broad discussion and conclusions will conclude the meeting. The format of this first conference will be hybrid.

Registration required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the meeting. Contact : [cnrsofficenairobi@gmail.com](mailto:cnrsofficenairobi@gmail.com)

# Agenda

09.00 — 09.45

## OPENING PRESENTATION

Benoit HAZARD, *Directeur du bureau régional de Nairobi, CNRS*  
*The CNRS roadmap for a new partnership with African scientist*  
Laurent BOCHEREAU, *EU Science Counsellor to the AU*  
*EU-AU/Kenya STI cooperation*  
Obed OGEA, *Programmes Manager, African Academy of Sciences*  
*Presentation of the ARISE Programme*

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## SCIENTIFIC INTERACTIONS

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9.45 — 10.45

## PRESENTATION & DISCUSSIONS

Presentation

Bridget MUTUMA, *From plastic waste to low-cost carbon nanoreactors for use in monitoring environmental pollutants and nanoplastics (20 minutes)*

Keynotes speakers

Concepcion OVIN ANIA Maria, *CNRS' Director of Research (10 minutes).*

Georges CHOLLON, *CNRS' Researcher (10 minutes).*

Nicolas MANO, *CNRS' Director of Research (10 minutes).*

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10.45 - 11H00

PAUSE

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11.00 — 11.45

## CONSOLIDATING & INNOVATIONS SESSION

Presentations

Têko W. NAPPORN, *L'Électrochimie pour l'Énergie, l'Environnement et la Santé (10 minutes)*

Dr. Gisèle LECOMTE-NANA, *Géo-Ressources Argileuses et Agro-déchets Labiles pour l'Élaboration des Matériaux Poreux Céramiques Durables au Cameroun (GRAAL-EMC2) (10 minutes)*

Dr. Aloys OSANO, *Low tech and bioenergy (10 minutes).*

Keynotes speakers

Bridget MUTUMA *(15 minutes)*

Q&A

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11.45 — 12.00

## ROUND TABLE EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS FROM ARISE 1

Dr. Samuel BUNANI & Dr. Annette UWINEZA, *ARISE fellows*

Boniface USHIE *(Moderator)*

Q&A

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12.00 — 12.30

## GENERAL DISCUSSION AND CLOSING

Dickson ANDALA, *CEO, NRF Kenya*

*Closing remarks by Laurent BOCHEREAU, Obed OGEA & Benoit HAZARD.*

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# Speakers

- Prof. Dickson ANDALA, NRF Kenya
- Dr. Laurent BOCHEREAU, EU Science Counsellor to the African Union
- Dr Samuel BUNANI, ARISE Fellow, University of Burundi.
- Prof. Georges CHOLLON, Laboratoire LCTS, CNRS
- Prof. Concepcion OVIN ANIA Maria, Laboratoire CEMHTI, CNRS
- Dr. Benoit HAZARD, Directeur du bureau régional de Nairobi, CNRS
- Dr. Gisèle LECOMTE-NANA, IRCER, Université de Limoges, JRP CNRS Africa fellow.
- Prof. Nicolas MANO, Laboratoire CRPP
- Dr. Bridget MUTUMA, ARISE Research Fellow, Department of Chemistry, University of Nairobi.
- Têko W. NAPPORN, IC2MP, JRP CNRS Africa fellow.
- Dr. Obed OGEA, Programmes Manager, African Academy of Sciences
- Dr. A. OSANO, Dir. of department of innovation, Maasai Mara University, JRP CNRS Africa fellow.
- Dr Annette UWINEZA, ARISE Fellow, University of Rwanda.
- Boniface USHIE, African Academy of Sciences.