

**2nd ARUA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, CAPE-TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA,
AUGUST 24TH - 27TH, 2021**

THEME

**THE DRIVE FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN
AFRICA: POLICY AND PRACTICE IMPERATIVES,**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Pre-Conference Activities - Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Doctoral Workshop (ARUA, CoE-USD-DW 1.0) - Virtual

Time	Duration	Event	Presenter/Facilitator
10:00am - 10:10am (SA Time)	10mins	Welcome Address	Associate Professor Sunday Adebisi , Director ARUA, CoE-USD, University of Lagos, Nigeria
10:10am - 10:15am (SA Time)	5mins	Program Outline	Professor K.S. Govinder Co-focal Node Leader, ARUA, CoE-USD, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
10:15am - 11:30am (SA Time)	1hr 15mins	Research and Publication Ethics (Conducting Ethical Research and Avoiding Plagiarism)	Dr. Nnedinma Umeokafor Liverpool John Moore University, United Kingdom
11:30am - 12:00pm (SA Time)	30mins	Break	
12:00pm - 1:30pm	1hr 30mins	Literature Review and Developing Conceptual Frameworks	Professor Abimbola Windapo University of Cape-Town, South Africa & Dr. A.O. Aiyetan Durban University of Technology, South Africa
1:30pm - 2:30pm (SA Time)	1hr	Break	
2:30pm - 4:00pm (SA Time)	1hr 30mins	Paper Writing	Dr. Sershen Naidoo Institute of Natural Resources, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
4:00pm - 4:30pm (SA Time)	30mins	Break	
4:30pm - 5:30pm (SA Time)	1hr	Data Gathering and Analysis	Professor Urmilla Bob University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Closing Remarks & End of Workshop

Conference Day 1 - Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Time	Duration	Event	Presenter/Facilitator
Conference Opening Ceremony - (New Conference Centre) - Blended			
10:00am - 10:59am (SA Time)	59mins	Introductory Remarks	Associate Professor Sunday Adebisi , Director ARUA, CoE-USD, University of Lagos
		Welcome Address	Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng VC, University of Cape-Town
		About ARUA Network in Africa	Professor Ernest Aryeetey , Secretary-General African Research Universities Alliances (ARUA)
11:00am - 11:45am (SA Time)	45mins	"The Drive for Innovative Solutions to Youth Unemployment in Africa: Policy and Practice Imperatives"	Professor Dimy Doresca, CGBP Director, Institute for International Business, University of IOWA (USA)
11:46am - 11:59am (SA Time)	13 mins	Tea/Coffee Break	
First Parallel Sessions			
12:00pm - 2:00pm (SA Time)	2 hr	Track A - Youth Unemployment Crisis	USD ROOM
		Track B - Role of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030	UKRI ROOM
		Track D - Innovation and Technopreneurship	ARUA ROOM
		Track I - Intellectual Property	AFRICA
2:01pm - 2:30pm (SA Time)	30mins	Lunch	
First Plenary Session - (New Conference Centre)			
2:30pm - 3:00pm (SA Time)	30mins	"The Aggressive Innovative Technological Drive Capable of Redefining Youth Employment in Africa: Whose Responsibility?"	Professor Azeez Butali , University of IOWA, USA
Second Parallel Sessions			
3:01pm - 4:30pm (SA Time)	1hr 30mins	Track C - Agropreneurship	USD ROOM
		Track G - Family Business and Gender Entrepreneurship in Africa	UKRI ROOM

		Track H - Informal and Social Entrepreneurship	UKRI ROOM
		Track D - Innovation and Technopreneurship	ARUA ROOM
4:30p.m - 5:00pm (SA Time)	30mins	Networking among Participants	
Close of Day 1			

Conference Day 2 - Thursday, August 26, 2021

Second Plenary Session -

10:00am - 10:30pm (SA Time)	30mins	“Innovative Financial Imperatives to Curb Youth Unemployment in Africa: Examining All Stakeholders' Responsibilities”	Dr Akintoye Akindele, Chairman, Platform Capital
10:31am - 10:59am (SA Time)	28mins	Tea/Coffee Break	

Third Parallel Session

11:00am - 12:30pm (SA Time)	1 hr 30mins	Track E - Talent Management and Skills Development	USD ROOM
		Track F - Entrepreneurship Areas	UKRI ROOM
		Track J - Policies and Intervention	ARUA ROOM
1:30pm - 2:00pm (SA Time)	30mins	Lunch	

Third Plenary Session - (New Conference Centre)

2:00pm - 2:30pm (SA Time)	30mins	“Discovering and Harnessing the Asset Potentials of the African Youth Population for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Development”	Professor Tony Bailetti, Carleton University, Canada
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Fourth Parallel Sessions

2:31pm - 4:00pm (SA Time)	1hr 30mins	Track E - Talent Management and Skills Development	USD ROOM
		Track F - Entrepreneurship Areas	UKRI ROOM
		Track J - Policies and Intervention	ARUA ROOM
4:01pm - 4:30pm (SA Time)	30mins	Networking among Participants	

Fourth Plenary Session - (New Conference Centre)

4:31pm - 5:00pm (SA Time)	30 mins	“Leveraging Family Business System to Grow Decent Jobs’ Creation in Africa: The Options and Desirable Policy Imperatives”	Prof Jackson Maalu, Dean, School of Business, University of Nairobi, Kenya
Close of Day 2			

Day 3 - Friday, August 27, 2021 (Morning)

African Youth Business and Innovation Competition (African-YoBIC) Harchaton

10:00am - 12:00pm (SA Time)	2 hrs	Team Ghana	Virtual Presentations by the Teams (Juries) (i) Professor Tony Bailleti, Carleton University, Canada (ii) Professor Dimy Doresca University of IOWA, USA (iii) Professor Azeez Butali African Craniofacial Anomalies Network, USA (iv) Dr. Olajide Ademola Ajayi SAP Global Coordinator Africa Code, Dublin, Ireland (v) Professor Urmilla Bob University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
		Team Kenya	
		Team Nigeria	
		Team South Africa	
12:00pm - 1:00pm (SA Time)	1 hr	Decisions and Evaluation by the Juries	USD ROOM
1:00pm - 2:00pm (SA Time)	1 hr	Break	

Day 3 - Friday, August 27, 2021 (Evening)

Lunch and Conference Awards (2:00pm SA Time)

1:30pm - 2:00pm (SA Time)	30 mins	Arrival of Conference Delegates	
2:00pm - 2:05pm (SA Time)	5 mins	Chief Host Address	
Presentation of Awards			
2:05pm - 2:50 pm	45 mins	Best Paper Award in Track - A (Youth Unemployment Crisis)	
		Best Paper Award in Track - B (Role of Sustainable Development Goals)	

(SA Time)		(SDGs) 2030)
		Best Paper Award in Track - C (Agropreneurship)
		Best Paper Award in Track - D & G Combined (Innovation and Technopreneurship/Family Business and Gender Entrepreneurship in Africa)
		Two (2) Best Paper Award in Track - E (Talent Management and Skills Development)
		Best Paper Award in Track - F (Entrepreneurship Areas)
		Best Paper Award in Track - H & I Combined (Informal and Social Entrepreneurship/Intellectual Property)
		Two (2) Best Paper Award in Track - J (Policies and Intervention)
Announcement of the YoBIC Harchaton Winners		
2:50pm - 2:55pm (SA Time)	5 mins	3rd Position Award
		2nd Position Award
		1st Position Award
2:55pm - 3:00pm (SA Time)	5 mins	Farewell Speech by the ARUA-UKRI Grant
3:05pm - 3:10pm (SA Time)	5 mins	Conference Appreciation and Closing Speech
3:10pm - 4:00pm (SA Time)	50 mins	Lunch, Networking, and Dancing
Closing and Announcement of 3rd ARUA, CoE for Unemployment and Skills Development International Conference and YoBIC 3.0 in Kenya 2022 (University of Nairobi, Nairobi)		
<i>The Conference Local Organising Committee will ensure that COVID-19 Protocols are followed all through the Conference for physical Attendees</i>		



2ND ARUA, CoE-USD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, CAPE-TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA ZOOM LINK DETAILS

S/N	Event	Date/Day	Session	Time	Zoom Links
1	Pre-Conference Activities	24-8-2021	Welcome Address Program Outline	10:00am - 10:15am (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6bIJ6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
		24-8-2021	Research and Publication Ethics (Conducting Ethical Research and Avoiding Plagiarism)	10:15am - 11:30am (SATime)	
		24-8-2021	Literature Review and Developing Conceptual Frameworks	12:00pm - 1:30pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6bIJ6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
		24-8-2021	Paper Writing	2:30pm - 4:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6bIJ6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
		24-8-2021	Data Gathering and Analysis	4:30pm - 5:30pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6bIJ6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
2	Conference Opening Session	25-8-2021 Day 1	Introductory Address Welcome Address About ARUA Network in Africa	10:00am - 10:59am (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6bIJ6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
3	“The Drive for Innovative Solutions to Youth Unemployment in Africa: Policy and Practice Imperatives”	25-8-2021 Day 1	Conference Key Note Presentation	11:00am - 11:45am (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6bIJ6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
4	Track A - Youth Unemployment Crisis (USD Room)	25-8-2021 Day 1	First Parallel Session	12:00pm - 2:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868035248?pwd=aFlndUhYWk9meGV0ZFRaeFRpNE5UUT09
	Track B - Role of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 (UKRI Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5477806927?pwd=WU1kd2lZWXd4RWeyZHRMbkE3UkUwdz09
	Track D - Innovation and Technopreneurship (ARUA Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4761226874?pwd=bzgzM0JKREFHcHJyd0ppVWtqcE5tUT09
	Track I - Intellectual Property (AFRICA Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86320029974?pwd=MDJSVWEwT2VtQzk1cnpkeFdXcFJyQT09



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5	"The Aggressive Innovative Technological Drive Capable of Redefining Youth Employment in Africa: Whose Responsibility?"	25-8-2021 Day 1	First Plenary Session	2:30pm - 3:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6b1J6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
6	Track C - Agropreneurship (USD Room)	25-8-2021 Day 1	Second Parallel Session	3:00pm - 4:30pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868035248?pwd=aFlndUhYWk9meGV0ZFRaeFRpNE5UUT09
	Track G & H - Family Business; Gender Entrepreneurship; Informal and Social Entrepreneurship (UKRI Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5477806927?pwd=WU1kd2lZWXd4RWeyZHRMbkE3UkUwdz09
	Track D - Innovation and Technopreneurship (ARUA Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4761226874?pwd=bzgzM0JKREFHcHJyd0ppVWtqcE5tUT09
7	"Innovative Financial Imperatives to Curb Youth Unemployment in Africa: Examining All Stakeholders' Responsibilities"	26-8-2021 Day 2	Second Plenary Session	10:00am - 10:30am (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6b1J6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
8	TRACK E - Talent Management and Skills Development (USD Room)	26-8-2021 Day 2	Third Parallel Session	11:00pm - 12:30pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868035248?pwd=aFlndUhYWk9meGV0ZFRaeFRpNE5UUT09
	TRACK F- Entrepreneurship Areas (UKRI Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5477806927?pwd=WU1kd2lZWXd4RWeyZHRMbkE3UkUwdz09
	TRACK J - Critical Analysis of Government Policies (ARUA Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4761226874?pwd=bzgzM0JKREFHcHJyd0ppVWtqcE5tUT09
9	"Discovering and Harnessing the Asset Potentials of the African Youth Population for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Development"	26-8-2021 Day 2	Third Plenary Session	2:00pm - 2:30pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6b1J6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
10	TRACK E - Talent Management and Skills Development (USD Room)	26-8-2021 Day 2	Fourth Parallel Session	2:30pm - 4:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868035248?pwd=aFlndUhYWk9meGV0ZFRaeFRpNE5UUT09
	TRACK F- Entrepreneurship Areas (UKRI Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5477806927?pwd=WU1kd2lZWXd4RWeyZHRMbkE3UkUwdz09
	TRACK J - Critical Analysis of Government Policies (ARUA Room)				https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4761226874?pwd=bzgzM0JKREFHcHJyd0ppVWtqcE5tUT09
11	"Leveraging Family Business System to Grow Decent Jobs' Creation in Africa: The Options and Desirable Policy Imperatives"	26-8-2021 Day 2	Fourth Plenary Session	4:30pm - 5:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6b1J6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09



12	African Youth Business and Innovation Competition (Africa-YoBIC)	27-8-2021 Day 3	Presentations	10:00am - 12:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6b1J6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09
13	Decisions and Evaluation by the Juries	27-8-2021 Day 3	Deliberation	12:00pm - 1:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89052590501?pwd=OUZ1bXh6OXJnVXMmrV3ZkYVZkWGNGZz09
14	Conference Awards	27-8-2021 Day 3	Awards	2:00pm - 4:00pm (SATime)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8578541323?pwd=Yzl6b1J6V2hES2g1S0t6NVkvNUhWUT09



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