

**Annual Meeting of the African Science Academy Development Initiative (ASADI)
Science Academies as Partners for Improving the Impacts of Policies in Africa**

**The Royal Society, Kohn Centre
6-9 Carlton House Terrace
London SW1Y 5AG**

November 4-5 2008

Tuesday, November 4: Hearing from African Academy Stakeholders

Objective: To provide sponsor agency representatives a platform for discussing their organizations' "advisory" needs and interests in Africa with African policy makers and academy representatives; to give African academy leaders the opportunity to listen to development partners with interests in investing in academies; and to educate participants in the meeting about the unique role academies play through their independent, apolitical, evidence-based advising and convening activities.

(8:00-8:30am) Registration and coffee

(8:30-9:30am) Opening Session

Welcome and Introductions

Chair: Cheikh Mbacké, Senior Advisor, Hewlett Foundation

- Lord Martin Rees, President, Royal Society
- Dr. Michael Clegg, Foreign Secretary, US National Academy of Sciences

Keynotes Addresses

Objective: To provide context for the role of science academies in improving policies in scientific matters

- Why would a government want independent advice?
 - Hon. Patrick Amuriat Oboi, Member of Parliament, Uganda
- What is unique about advice from an academy?
 - Dr. Bruce Alberts, editor-in-chief, Science magazine, Professor, UCSF, and Fmr President, US National Academy of Sciences

(9:30-11:00) Session I

African Policy Makers: A Conversation on Evidence-based Scientific Advising

Objective: To provide insight into what African policy makers perceive as their needs for balanced scientific advice and their objectives for the best way to obtain it

Facilitator: Geoff Watts, BBC Radio 4 (UK)

Policy makers:

- Dr. Rexford Osei, Director of Science, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, Ghana
- Prof. Crispus Kiamba, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Kenya

- Dr. Noel Saliu, Chief Research and Innovations Officer, National Universities Comm., Nigeria
- Dr. Aïda Sylla, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Health and Prevention, Senegal
- Hon. Gaolatlhe G. Oliphant, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Science and Technology Ministry Parliamentary Portfolio Committee, South Africa
- Hon. Jennifer Namuyangu, Minister of State for Water, Uganda

(11-11:30am) BREAK

(11:30-1pm) Session II

Bilateral & Multilateral Donor Agencies: Enabling Action Based on Local Insight

Objective: To hear from bilateral government donor agencies and multilateral organizations about how local input could shape approaches to investing in projects in a specific region

Moderator: Richard Bissell, Executive Director, Policy and Global Affairs

Speakers:

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - Brenda Killen, Head of Aid Effectiveness Division, Development Cooperation Directorate
- Department for International Development (DFID)
 - Yusaf Samiullah, Deputy Director, Policy and Research Division & Head of Profession, Infrastructure
- US Department of State
 - Daniel Schar, Africa Regional Coordinator for the Biosecurity Engagement Program, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Fon van Oosterhout, Senior Expert, Research and Communication Division

(1-2:00pm) LUNCH

(2:00-3:30pm) Session III

Non-governmental Sponsor Agencies: Recognizing Resources for Advice

Objective: To inform participants about the priority needs of private organizations working in Africa and to create discussion around the processes used in order to obtain advice

Moderator: Enriqueta Bond, ASADI Chair

Speakers:

- Carol Medlin, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Pat Goodwin, Head of Department for Pathogens, Immunology and Population Studies, The Wellcome Trust
- Laurence Cockcroft, Senior Advisor-African Programmes, Gatsby Foundation
- Jack Watters, Vice President for Medical Affairs, Pfizer Inc.

Panel Discussion

(3:30-4:30pm) Session IV

Science Academies: Process and Values of Academy Work

Objective: To directly address how academy advice differs from that given by other advisory bodies like universities and government appointed committees

Moderator: Jo Boufford, Institute of Medicine Foreign Secretary

- Virtues of academy advice
 - David Mbah, Cameroon Academy of Sciences Executive Director
- How a young British academy approaches advising
 - Mary Manning, Executive Director, The Academy of Medical Sciences
- Development partnership
 - Hans Hagan, Royal Society & Jackie Olang, Network of African Science Academies
- Investments in African academies
 - Patrick Kelley, ASADI Board Director

(4:30-6:00pm) Meet and Greet Academy Reception

Objective: To provide a relaxed setting where stakeholders can (1) speak directly to African government and academy leaders, (2) learn about the work of the academies and (3) obtain materials published by specific African academies

Wednesday, November 5: Partnership for Development

(9:00am) Opening to Day 2

Chair: Cheikh Mbacké, Senior Advisor of Hewlett Foundation

Session V: Partnership Themes for Development

Objective: To explore how academies in Africa can and do provide evidence-based advice on critical issues in health and development for Africa and how an intermediary partner might strengthen academy advising as well as the networking of academies around the world

(9:05-10:15am) Critical Issue 1: Health

Moderator: David Satcher, Director, Morehouse School of Medicine

Stakeholder Representatives:

- Mark Walport, Wellcome Trust
- Carel IJsselmuiden, Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED)
- Helen Smits, Doris Duke Foundation
- Jan Lindsten, Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences
- Edward Kirumira, Executive Member, Uganda National Academy of Sciences

Panel Discussion

(10:15-11:00am) Critical Issue 2: Education

Moderator: Narciso Matos, Executive Director of the Foundation for Community Development

Stakeholder Representatives:

- Andrea Johnson, Carnegie Corporation of New York
- Jutta Schnitzer-Ungefug, Secretary General, German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- Jonathan Jansen, Honorary Professor of Education, University of the Witwatersrand

Panel Discussion

(11:00-11:30am) Break

(11:30-12:30pm) Critical Issue 3: Water

Moderator: Jeremy McNeil, Fellow, Royal Society of Canada

Stakeholder Representatives:

- Kala Vairavamoorthy, UNESCO-IHE and University of Birmingham
- Salif Diop, United Nations Environment Programme
- Barney Cohen, US National Academies
- Roseanne Diab, Executive Officer, Academy of Science of South Africa

Panel Discussion

(12:30-1:45pm) Lunch

(1:45-2:45pm) Critical Issue 4: Science & Technology for Development

Moderator: Mike Clegg, Foreign Secretary of the US National Academy of Sciences

Stakeholder Representatives:

- Mustafa El Tayeb, Director, Science Policy & Sustainable Development Science Sector, UNESCO
- Jeremy McNeil, Fellow, Royal Society of Canada
- Shem Arungu-Olende, Secretary General, African Academy of Sciences
- Petra Ruth Mann, Kooperation International

Panel Discussion

(2:45-3:30pm) Session VIII: Closing Keynotes

Speakers:

- Bridging the divide between science and politics
 - Mr. David Dickson Director, SciDev.Net
- Investing in academy advice for the sustainable health and development of Africa
 - Hon. Dr. Ham-Mukasa Mulira, Minister for Information and Communication Technology, Uganda

(3:30pm) CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURN

****The Kohn Centre will remain open to participants until 5pm for follow-on meetings****