



KONZA
Technopolis



IASP

WEBINAR

ON 18TH MARCH 2021

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
SCIENCE PARKS AND AREAS OF
INNOVATION**

AFRICA DIVISION FORUM

Introduction

The Government of Kenya established the Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) as a special purpose entity to facilitate the development of Konza Technopolis. The mission of KoTDA is to ensure that Konza grows into a sustainable, world-class technology hub and a major economic driver for the nation, with a vibrant mix of businesses, workers, residents, and urban amenities. KoTDA is responsible for overseeing the development and management of Konza, and for establishing a strong value proposition for businesses to locate and expand in Konza.

KoTDA is a full member of International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) effective February 2020. The Authority is scheduled to host the IASP Africa Division Web Forum on 18th March 2021. The event will bring together IASP Africa leadership, global players in the technology space and key stakeholders in the Science and Technology Parks (STPs) to discuss *“The Place of STPs in Africa’s Economic Recovery - Impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement”*

Background

The IASP is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental, membership-based organization with a worldwide network. The Association is a leader network in the Science Parks and Areas of Innovation spaces and plays the following roles:

1. Coordinates an active network of professionals that manage areas of innovation and science/technology parks.
2. Enhances new business opportunities for companies and research organizations located in these areas.
3. Assists the development and growth of new parks and other areas of innovation.
4. Increases the international visibility of its members and sponsors.

IASP Africa Division

IASP has seven divisions namely Africa, Asia Pacific, Eurasia, European, Latin American, North American, West Asia and North Africa. The Africa Division is headed by Ms. Hauwa Yabani of Abuja Technology Village FZ Co., Nigeria. The Africa Division leaders agreed to host a conference scheduled for 18th March 2021 that will bring together Science Parks in Botswana, Nigeria, South Africa, Namibia, Angola, Kenya and Madagascar, led by the Division President, Ms. Yabani.

Target Audience

The conference will bring together experts from STPs as well as other areas of innovation, technology-based incubators, academia, the public sector, Government, non-state actors and business.

Theme

The theme of IASP Africa Division Web Forum 2021 being hosted by KoTDA will be *“The Place of STPs in Africa’s Economic Recovery - Impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement”*

The global economy is facing a deep recession due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. To reignite the economy, the African continent must pull together as one to build a better future for the continent. STPs and areas of innovation need to work together with shared goals guided by the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement to find innovative solutions to the continent’s most pressing challenges.

By working together and pushing the innovation agenda through STPs at a continental level, the IASP Africa Division can support the region to build an economic recovery path that is more resilient and responsive to the continent’s needs.

The IMF Regional Economic Outlook Report 2020 has placed the regional growth at 3.1 percent in 2021 with key drivers of growth being cited as export and commodity prices. This calls for an innovative approach to pushing the continent’s competitiveness and unleashing the potential of the youth within the innovation spaces to drive economic growth. The conference seeks to provide this much-needed platform.

Event Details

Date: 18th March 2021

Organizer: Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA)

Venue: Virtual (Teams)

Host Country: Kenya

Link: <https://bit.ly/3cgByWe>

Webinar Format (a combination of pre-recorded and live sessions)

The webinar will have speaking slots and panel discussion including presentations from key global STPs in and out of Africa.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

PROGRAM		
<p>Moderator: Dr. McLean Sibanda, Executive for Investments & Concessions with the Bigen Africa Group (South Africa)</p>		
TIME EAT	DETAILS	SPEAKERS
12:00pm- 12:10pm	Welcome Remarks	Eng. John Tanui, MBS, CEO, KoTDA
12:10pm- 12:45pm	Presentation by IASP Africa CEOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ms. Hauwa Yabani, CEO, Abuja Technology Village FZ Co., Nigeria and President of the IASP Africa Division, Nigeria ii. Adv. Pieter Holl, CEO, The Innovation Hub, South Africa iii. Alan Phemelo Boshwaen, CEO, Botswana Innovation Hub, Botswana iv. Eng. John Tanui, CEO, KoTDA, Kenya
12:45pm- 12:50pm	Remarks	Ms. Hauwa Yabani, CEO Abuja Technology Village FZ Co., Nigeria and President of the IASP Africa Division, Nigeria
12:50pm- 1:00pm	IASP Keynote Address	Ms. Ebba Lund, CEO, IASP
1:00pm- 1:45pm	Presentations by Science Parks and Areas of Innovation Outside Africa	China, Italy and UK
1:45pm- 2:10pm	Remarks	Mr. Jerome Ochieng, CBS, PS ICT & Innovation
2:10pm- 2:20pm	Keynote Address	Mr. Joseph Mucheru, EGH, CS, Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs

2:20pm- 2:50pm	Presentation by NEPAD	Amb. Dr. Samori Okwiya, Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat
2:50pm- 3:35pm	<i>“The Place of STP’s in Africa’s Economic Recovery– Impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement”</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dr. Erick Mwangi, Director Research Science and Technology Ministry of Education Kenya ii. Eng John Tanui, CEO, KoTDA iii. Amb. Dr. Samori Okwiya, Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat
3:35pm- 3:50pm	Q&A	Moderator
3:50pm- 4:35pm	Showcase of innovations from IASP Africa Division Members	Botswana, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya
4:35pm – 4:45 pm	Break	
4:45pm- 5:15pm	<i>Discussion on the establishment of a Smart Vaccine Production Facility: Lessons from South Korea</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Patrick Tippoo, Executive Director of the African Vaccine Manufacturing Initiative (AVMI), South Africa ii. Dr. James Kimotho, Head of KEMRI Innovation & Technology Transfer Division (ITTD) iii. Mr. Ondari D. Mogeni, Associate Research Scientist, Epidemiology, Public Health, Implementation & Clinical Development Unit in International Vaccine Institute (IVI) iv. Eng John Tanui, CEO, KoTDA
5:15pm- 5:45pm	Q&A	
Closing		

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