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Press Release

Africa Science Leadership Programme announces a second round

Twenty-two outstanding scientists from all major regions within Africa will participate in the second round of the Africa Science Leadership Programme (ASLP). The scientists represent basic and applied sciences, and span a wide variety of disciplines including the social sciences and humanities.

The program starts on 11 April with a week-long workshop on 'Leading a new paradigm for African Science'. The fellows will dive deeply into topics such as collective leadership and science communication. Leaders in academia and research, science communication, and leadership theory and practice will join the fellows for interactive sessions. The workshop will be followed by a year of application and mentorship, with a follow-up workshop planned for April 2017.

The 2016 ASLP fellows will meet with the inaugural cohort of fellows on 16 April, when the 2015 fellows start their second workshop.

"The ASLP has gained prominence regionally and even globally since it was launched in 2015. It provides in a key need for young scientists in Africa, and serves as an example for other regions in the world," said Eva Alisic, co-chair of the Global Young Academy.

"There is such a big need to develop the skills of a next generation of scientists to lead more interdisciplinary and globally connected teams to resolve address the complex challenges the world faces. ASLP is fast becoming an example of the type of programme through which this development can be fast tracked," added Professor Bernard Slippers, project leader from the University of Pretoria and past co-chair of the Global Young Academy.

The following fellows have been selected into the second round of the programme:

Dr Adewale Adewuyi	Redeemers University, Nigeria
Dr Aliza le Roux	University of the Free State, South Africa
Assoc Prof Andre Ganswindt	University of Pretoria, South Africa
Dr Anna Coussen	University of Cape Town, South Africa
Dr Chioma Onyige	University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
Dr Daniel Orwenjo	The Technical University of Kenya, Kenya
Dr Deusdedith Ishengoma	Tanga Research Center, Tanzania
Dr Eleanor Ochodo	Stellenbosch University, Kenya
Dr Fawzi Mahomoodally	University of Mauritius, Mauritius
Dr Ghada Bassioni	Ain Shams University, Egypt
Dr Gilbert Abiuro	University for Development Studies, Ghana
Prof Hassna Chennaoui	Hassan II University, Morocco
Dr Ikwoluwapo Ajayi	University College Hospital, Nigeria

Dr Joana Afonso	University Agostinho Neto, Angola
Prof Lahcen El Youssfi	Moulay Ismail University, Morocco
Dr Maha Aly	Ain Shams University, Egypt
Dr Makondelele Makatu	University of Venda, South Africa
Dr Mohamed Elzayat	Cairo University, Egypt
Dr Nosiphiwe Ngqwala	Rhodes University, South Africa
Assoc Prof Sameh Soror	Ain Helwan, Egypt
Prof Sunday Atawodi	Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
Dr Yonas Shikur	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Africa Science Leadership Programme is run by the University of Pretoria in partnership with the Global Young Academy, and is funded by the Robert Bosch Foundation. It involves many collaborations, including with the Leopold Leadership Program at Stanford University and the specialist facilitation company KnowInnovation.

Learn more about the ASLP at www.up.ac.za/aslp

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