



The Department of Science and Innovation is happy to confirm that despite the uncertainty and restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Science Forum South Africa (SfSA) will take place for the 7th year running in 2021. The event will take place from Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 December 2021. As in 2021, the SfSA will largely take place on a digital platform, enabling remote but active participation from across the world. (It is, however, envisaged that a small number of events forming part of the SfSA programme, will take place at the CSIR International Convention Centre in Pretoria – according to the COVID-19 safety protocols in force at the time.)

The SfSA 2021 will also be a preparatory event for South Africa's hosting of the World Science Forum in 2022 – which will take place in Cape Town from 5 to 9 December 2022. The theme for the WSF 2022 "Science for Social Justice" will therefore receive special attention at the SfSA 2021, especially with regard to the contribution of science diplomacy. With our world confronted with the health, social and economic challenges of COVID-19, the need to ensure a just transition in responding to climate change, and the imperative to defeat global poverty and inequality, we are convinced that the debate at SfSA 2021 will be as important as ever.

- **Registration link:**
<https://www.innovationbridge.info/ibportal/innovation-bridge-event/register>

<https://esastap.org.za/sfsa2021/>

Join the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) at the SfSA

Wednesday, 1 December 2021

15:30 – 17:00 *Building stronger and more equitable research relations between Africa, France and Europe - Prof Himla Soodyall, Executive Officer: ASSAf*

Thursday, 2 December 2021

13:30 – 15:00 *Igniting conversations about science - Round 6 Scourge of predatory journals in academia (ASSAf), InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) and The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation*

Friday, 3 December 2021

11:05 *Academy of Science of South Africa's (ASSAf) response to COVID-19 – Prof Himla Soodyall, Executive Officer: ASSAf*