

INVITATION

The **Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)** would like to invite you to the following webinar:

The Open Science Agenda and Framework for South Africa

Speaker: Prof Ahmed Bawa

Date: 22 October 2020

Time: 11:30 – 12:30 SAST

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

RSVP: Register at <http://bit.ly/oaweek2020>. A link to the meeting room will be sent to all registered participants closer to the date.

Science is under pressure to be more open, accessible, empowering to all parts of the social fabric of our societies. In a sense this stems from a recognition that science is a powerful lever to improve the quality of human existence and to broaden and deepen our understanding of humanity and of the universe. Yet, evidenced in the struggle against CoViD-19 and global warming, we witness in many parts of the world a deeply concerning slide towards anti-scientific, anti-intellectual paradigms. In this presentation we explore the progress that has been made in developing the conceptual framework together with the kinds of policy change that may be required to achieve its rollout. In particular we explore the need for an ecosystem approach to open science if it is to make the kind of impact that is expected of it.



Professor Ahmed Bawa is the CEO of Universities South Africa. Until 2016, he was Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Durban University of Technology. He also served as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Natal (later to be the University of KwaZulu-Natal). At the City University of New York, USA, he was a Faculty Member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Hunter College, USA, and a Member of the doctoral faculty at the Graduate Center. Prof Bawa was appointed Associate Provost for Curriculum Development.

He holds a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Durham University in the UK and serves on a number of Advisory Boards. He has published in the areas of high-energy physics; nuclear physics; higher education and society as well as science and society.



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