

Systems of Engagement for Black People in the Global Scientific Enterprise

October 3 – 4, 2024



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 (EDT)

10:00–10:20 Opening Remarks and Introductions

- Cato T. Laurencin, MD, PhD – *Chair of the Roundtable on Black Men and Black Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine*
- Romain Murenzi, PhD – *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

10:20–10:35 Keynote

- Christian Happi, PhD – *African Centre of Excellence for Genomics and Infections Disease*

10:35–12:05 Exploring the Intersectionality of Blackness Globally

Moderator: Shirley Malcom, PhD – *American Association for the Advancement of Science*

Panelists:

- Chika Ezeanya Esiobu, PhD – *Soka University of America*
- Jessica Esquivel, PhD – *Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory/BlackinPhysics*
- Tanya Hernandez, PhD – *Fordham School of Law*
- Maurizio Porfiri, PhD – *New York University*
- Norbert Tavares, PhD – *Chan Zuckerberg Initiative*

12:05–12:30 Break

12:30–1:30 Interrogating the Policy Environment for International Engagement

Moderator: Romain Murenzi, PhD – *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

Panelists:

- Sekazi K. Mtingwa, PhD – *LAAAMP/Geopolitical Conceptual Design Report, African Light Source Foundation/ African Laser Centre*

- Salim S. Abdool Karim, PhD, MBBCH, MS – *Director-General of the World Health Organisation/ Harvard University/ Cornell University/ University of KwaZulu-Natal/ DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in HIV Prevention/ Global Virus Network (GVN)-CAPRISA Centre of Excellence/ MIT and Harvard University/ International Science Council*
- Mahamadou Sagna, PhD – *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
- Tonija Hope, PhD – *Howard University*
- Robert Krueger, PhD – *Worcester Polytechnic University*

1:30–1:40 Break

1:40–2:40 Engagement Through HBCUs and Societies in the U.S.

Moderator: Wayne Frederick, MD, MBA – *Howard University*

Panelists:

- Stephen Roberson, PhD – *National Society of Black Physicists*
- Karena Gill, PhD – *National Association of Black Geoscientists*
- Ariangela J. Kozik, PhD – *Black Microbiologists Association*
- Ethel Vereen, Jr., PhD – *Morehouse College*

2:40–2:50 Break

2:50–4:00 Mechanisms of Engagement in Science Diplomacy

Moderator: Gillian Bowser, PhD – *Colorado State University*

Panelists:

- Tashiana Osborne, PhD – *U.S. Agency for International Development*
- Vaughan Turekian, PhD – *National Academy of Sciences*
- Kwezi Mzilikazi, PhD – *Rhodes University*
- Maria N. Miriti, PhD – *The Ohio State University*

END OF DAY 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024 (EDT)

12:00–12:10 **Welcome**

- Cato T. Laurencin, MD, PhD – *Chair of the Roundtable on Black Men and Black Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine*
- Romain Murenzi, PhD – *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

12:10–1:20 **Leveraging the Existing Infrastructure of Global Academies and Professional Societies**

Moderator: Romain Murenzi, PhD – *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

Panelists:

- Malik Maaza, PhD – *University of South Africa*
- John Hildebrand, PhD – *International Secretary, National Academy of Sciences*
- Ratemo W. Michieka, PhD – *Kenyan National Academy of Sciences*
- Kofi Akamani, PhD – *International Union of Biological Sciences*
- Mark Richards, PhD – *Royal Society*
- Dorothy Ngila, PhD – *National Research Foundation of South Africa*

1:20–1:30 **Break**

1:30–2:50 **Scoping a Framework for the Sustained Inclusion of Black Researchers in the Global Scientific Enterprise**

Moderator: Shirley Malcom, PhD – *American Association for the Advancement of Science*

Panelists:

- Sekazi K. Mtingwa –*LAAAMP/Geopolitical Conceptual Design Report, African Light Source Foundation/ African Laser Centre*
- Gillian Bowser, PhD – *Colorado State University*
- Reynold Verret, PhD – *Xavier University of Louisiana*
- Kishana Y. Taylor, PhD – *Black Microbiologists Association*
- Mark Richards, PhD – *Royal Society*

2:50–3:00 **Setting a Path Forward and Closing Reflections**

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