

**PROGRAMME**

Global Research Council  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 2021

**Virtual Meeting:** 24-28 May 2021

-9	-6	-1	SA Standard Time	+1	+7	+11
Vancouver	Washington DC	London	Pretoria	Makkah	Tokyo	Auckland

Pre-Meetings		
17 May	12:30-14:00	<b>Closed meeting:</b> Meeting of the Partnered Research Programmes Working Group (Lead: NRF, South Africa; IDRC, Canada) – Members Only
	14:15-16:15	<b>Closed meeting:</b> Meeting of the GRC Gender Working Group (Lead: FAPESP, Brazil; UKRI, UK) – Members Only
18 May	11:30-14:30	<b>Executive Support Group (ESG) Meeting</b>
19 May	12:00-14:00	<b>GRC Regional Meetings</b> - <i>Sub-Saharan Africa</i> - <i>Middle East and North Africa</i> (13:00-15:00 Makkah time)
	14:00-16:00	
20 May	12:30-16:00	<b>STFC-NRF Workshop on Research Infrastructure</b> (Lead: NRF, SA; STFC, UK) – Open Invitation
	05:30-06:30	<b>GRC Regional Meetings</b> - <i>Asia-Pacific</i> (11:30-12:30 Beijing time) - <i>Europe</i> (13:30-15:30 Brussels time) - <i>Americas</i> (13:00-14:00 Washington time)
	13:30-15:30	
	19:00-20:00	
21 May	14:00-15:00	<b>International Steering Committee (ISC) Meeting</b> (with ESG Participation)
	15:30-17:30	<b>Governing Board Meeting</b>
24-28 May	<b>Virtual Expo Booths of Selected Cooperation Initiatives</b>	

**DAY 1: Monday, 24 May 2021**

**Programme Director: Dr Aldo Stroebe (NRF, SA)**

**Chair: Professor Katja Becker, GRC Governing Board Chair (DFG, Germany)**

14:00-14:20	<p><b>Welcome Message</b>  <b>Professor Katja Becker</b>, GRC Governing Board Chair (DFG, Germany)</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>Dr Fulufhelo Nelwamondo</b> (NRF, South Africa), <b>Professor Vitória Langa de Jesus</b> (FNI, Mozambique), <b>Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser</b> (UKRI, UK)</p>
14:20-15:00	<p><b>Setting the Scene</b> – Invited Address  <i>Introduction of Keynote Speaker:</i> <b>Professor Li Jinghai</b> (NSFC, China)</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker</b>  <b>Professor Ismail Serageldin</b>, Founding Director, Bibliotheca Alexandria, Egypt  Global Futures, Multilateralism, and the Science Community's Response Towards Transition</p>
<p><b>Session 1: Mission-Oriented Research</b>  <b>Chair: Dr Fulufhelo Nelwamondo (NRF, South Africa)</b></p>	
15:00-15:10	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b> by the Chair – including presenting the Statement of Principles on Mission-Oriented Research</p>
15:10-15:25	<p><b>The Context and Renewed Focus of Mission Research – Impacts for Funders</b>  <b>Professor Andrew Thompson</b> (UKRI, UK)</p>
15:25-16:15	<p><b>Facilitated Panel Discussion:</b> Strategies Towards Action (and contextualisation of the case studies)  <i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Dr Joanna Newman</b>, CEO and Secretary-General, Association of Commonwealth Universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Americas:</i> <b>Professor Alejandro Adem</b> (NSERC, Canada)</li> <li>- <i>Asia-Pacific:</i> <b>Professor Sandeep Verma</b> (SERB, India)</li> <li>- <i>Europe:</i> <b>Professor Andrew Thompson</b> (UKRI, UK)</li> <li>- <i>MENA:</i> <b>Professor Mouïin Hamzé</b> (CNRS-L, Lebanon)</li> <li>- <i>Sub-Saharan Africa:</i> <b>Dr Susan Muzite</b> (RCZ, Zimbabwe)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion:</b> GRC Participants  <b>Summary:</b> <b>Signe Ratso</b>, Deputy Director-General, European Commission's DG Research and Innovation</p>
16:15-16:30	<p>BREAK</p>
<p><b>Programme Director: Dorothy Ngila (NRF, SA)</b></p>	
16:30-17:15	<p><b>Unleashing Science to Deliver Missions for Sustainability</b>  <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Dr Heide Hackmann</b> (CEO, International Science Council)</p> <p>Mobilising global sustainable science action is imperative if the 2030 Agenda is to be realised. Recognising this pivotal moment in time, the International Science Council together with a consortium of partners organised the second Global Forum of Funders on 26-28 April 2021 that brought together participants from more than 70 countries, representing national research councils, development partners, private foundations and scientific institutions. The Forum presented a Framework for Unleashing Mission-Oriented Science and discussed how science funders can collectively accelerate the impact of science and science funding for global sustainability transformations.</p> <p>Convened by the International Science Council (ISC), this session will i) present a Framework for Unleashing Mission-Oriented Science and present key outcomes of the Second Global Forum of Funders and how to take the initiative forward; and ii) discuss the role of GRC participants in steering science to support societal transformations toward a more sustainable, equitable and resilient future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Introduction:</i> <b>Dr Heide Hackmann</b> (CEO, ISC)</li> <li>- <i>A Framework for Unleashing Mission-Oriented Science:</i> key recommendations: <b>Dr Albert van Jaarsveld</b> (Director-General and CEO, IIASA)</li> <li>- <i>Taking Mission-Oriented Science for Sustainability Forward:</i> <b>Professor Peter Gluckman</b> (President-elect, ISC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion:</b> GRC Participants  <b>Summary and endorsement:</b> <b>Professor Ingrid Petersson</b> (FORMAS, Sweden); <b>Dr Michinari Hamaguchi</b> (JST, Japan); <b>Dr Yaya Sangare</b> (PASRES, Côte d'Ivoire)</p>
17:15-17:45	<p><b>GRC Multilateral Engagements and Innovation</b>  <i>Chair:</i> <b>Dr Ana María Franchi</b> (CONICET, Argentina)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Global SDG Funding Pilot for the Funding of SDG Re-I Implementation Clusters:</i> <b>Dr Mari Sundli Tveit</b> (RCN, Norway)</li> <li>- <i>Case Study:</i> Trans-Atlantic Platform for Social Sciences and the Humanities (T-AP): <b>Professor Luiz Eugênio Mello</b> (FAPESP, Brazil)</li> </ul>

**DAY 2: Tuesday, 25 May 2021**

**Programme Director: Michael Bright (UKRI, UK)**  
**Session 2: Public Engagement**  
**Chair: Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser (UKRI, UK)**

<b>13:00-13:10</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> by the Chair- including presenting the Statement of Principles on Public Engagement
<b>13:10-13:20</b>	<b>The Criticality of Engaging With and For Science</b> <i>Dr Eugène Mutimura</i> (NCST, Rwanda)
<b>13:20-14:05</b>	<b>Facilitated Panel Discussion:</b> Strategies Towards Action (and contextualisation of the case studies) <i>Facilitator: Dr Beverly Damonse</i> (NRF, South Africa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Americas: Professor Evaldo Vilela</i> (CNPq, Brazil)</li> <li>- <i>Asia-Pacific: Dr Jung-Hye Roe</i> (NRF, South Korea)</li> <li>- <i>Europe: Professor Helena Pereira</i> (FCT, Portugal)</li> <li>- <i>MENA: Dr Munir Eldesouki</i> (KACST, Saudi Arabia)</li> <li>- <i>Sub-Saharan Africa: Dr Jemimah Onsare</i> (NRF, Kenya)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion:</b> GRC Participants</p>
<b>14:05-14:15</b>	<b>Launch of the Book:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Public Engagement and Mission-Orientated Research: Advancing Sustainable Futures for All <i>Introduction: Dr Prue Williams</i> (MBIE, New Zealand) <i>Overview: Professor Rasigan Maharajh</i> (Author, South Africa)
<b>14:15-14:30</b>	BREAK
<b>14:30-15:30</b>	<b>Dialogue:</b> Promoting the Equality and Status of Women in Research (Lead: UKRI, UK; FAPESP, Brazil) <p>In 2016 GRC participants endorsed the Statement of Principles and Actions Promoting the Equality and Status of Women in Research. The GRC Gender Working Group advances and champions collective implementation of the 2016 Statement of Principles and Action Plan. This event will (1) launch a book on the results of a survey on gender disaggregated data at GRC participating organisations to advance Action 2 of the 2016 Statement of Principles: collect and make available data (against consistent parameters) for comparative analysis; and (2) advance strategic perspectives by heads of research councils regarding the GWG workplan.</p> <p><i>Introduction: Roshni Abedin</i> (UKRI, UK)  <i>Moderated Discussion: Dr Heide Hackmann</i> (International Science Council)  <i>Presentation of the Book: Dorothy Ngila</i> (NRF, SA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Americas: Dr Ana Judith Chan Orantes</i> (SENACYT, Guatemala)</li> <li>- <i>Asia-Pacific: Professor Sue Thomas</i> (ARC, Australia)</li> <li>- <i>Europe: Dr Mairéad O'Driscoll</i> (Health Research Board, Ireland)</li> <li>- <i>MENA: Dr Mohamed Gaith</i> (MOHE, Jordan) (tbc)</li> <li>- <i>Sub-Saharan Africa: Filipo Zulu</i> (NSTC, Zambia)</li> </ul>

**DAY 3: Wednesday, 26 May 2021**

**Programme Director: Ben Sharman (UKRI, UK)**  
**Session 3: How the World Will Be Different**  
**Chair: Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan (NSF, USA)**

14:45-15:15	<p><b>GRC Regional Meetings on Emergency Responses</b>  Video summary by leads of GRC regional meetings  <b>Summary: Professor Katja Becker</b> (DFG, Germany)</p>
15:15-15:45	<p><b>Key Remarks</b>  <b>Dr Soumya Swaminathan</b>, Chief Scientist, World Health Organisation</p>
15:45-17:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion: The Role of Science and Funding Agencies in Addressing the Pandemic</b>  <i>Panel Facilitator: Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan</i> (NSF, USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dr Vasee Moorthy</b>, Senior Advisor for Research, World Health Organisation</li> <li>- <b>Dr Joanna Newman</b>, CEO and Secretary-General, Association of Commonwealth Universities</li> <li>- <b>Professor Daya Reddy</b>, President, International Science Council (ISC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Summary: Professor Peter Strohschneider</b>, Member, German National Academy of Sciences</p>
17:00-17:15	BREAK
<b>Session 4: GRC Strategy and Reporting (1)</b>	
17:15-17:20	<p><b>Remarks by GRC Governing Board Chair</b>  <b>Professor Katja Becker</b> (DFG, Germany)</p>
17:20-17:45	<p><b>Context and Focus of the GRC Vision</b>  <b>Michael Bright</b>, GRC Executive Secretary  (Incl. Introduction to Break-out Groups)</p>

**Day 4: Thursday 27 May 2021**

<b>09:00-11:45 Break-out Round 1</b>	<b>Actions Towards the Development and Implementation of the GRC's Vision and Roadmap:</b> Discussion in Break-out Groups Plenary Video as Introduction to the Break-out Groups, <b>Michael Bright</b> (UKRI, UK)		
	<b>The GRC's Strategic Communication Strategy for Impact</b> 09:00-09:45	<b>The GRC's Stakeholder Engagement Approach</b> 10:00-10:45	<b>GRC Models to Support Collaboration</b> 11:00-11:45
	Moderator: <b>Dr Lidia Borrell-Damián</b> (Science Europe, Belgium) Rapporteur: <b>Dr Srinivasa Prasanna</b> (SERB, India)	Moderator: <b>Dr Marcus Wilms</b> (DFG, Germany) Rapporteur: <b>Professor Gina El-Feky</b> (ASRT, Egypt)	Moderator: <b>Dr Kristin Danielsen</b> (RCN, Norway) Rapporteur: <b>Osamu Kobayashi</b> (JST, Japan)
<b>11:45-12:00</b>	BREAK		
<b>Programme Director: Ben Sharman (UKRI, UK)</b> <b>Session 5: GRC Strategy and Reporting (2)</b> <b>Chair: Professor Katja Becker, GRC Governing Board Chair (DFG, Germany)</b>			
<b>12:00-12:05</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> by Session Chair		
<b>12:05-12:35</b>	<b>Reporting from the GRC Working Groups</b> - <i>Partnered Research Programmes:</i> <b>Dr Sepo Hachigonta</b> (NRF, SA); <b>Dr David O'Brien</b> (IDRC, Canada) (and launch of publication) - <i>Gender:</i> <b>Roshni Abedin</b> (UKRI, UK); <b>Professor Ana Maria Almeida</b> (FAPESP, Brazil)		
<b>12:35-13:05</b>	<b>Science Diplomacy Workshop Report</b> <i>Chair:</i> <b>Professor Mark Ferguson</b> (SFI, Ireland) <i>Key Messages:</i> <b>Dr William Colglazier</b> (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, NASEM, USA)  <b>Open Discussion:</b> GRC Participants		
<b>13:05-14:15</b>	<b>Responsible Research Assessment (RRA)</b> <i>Chair:</i> <b>Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser</b> (UKRI, UK) - <i>A Call to Action:</i> <b>Dr Gansen Pillay</b> (NRF, SA) - <i>The Changing Context for RRA, and the RORI Report:</i> <b>Professor James Wilsdon</b> (Research on Research Institute, RoRI) - <i>Conference Summary:</i> <b>David Sweeney</b> (Research England, UK) - <i>Way Forward:</i> <b>Dr Gansen Pillay</b> (NRF, SA)  <b>Facilitated Discussion</b>		
<b>18:00-20:45 Break-out Round 2</b>	<b>Actions Towards the Development and Implementation of the GRC's Vision and Roadmap:</b> Discussion in Break-out Groups Plenary Video as Introduction to the Break-out Groups, <b>Michael Bright</b> (UKRI, UK)		
	<b>The GRC's Strategic Communication Strategy for Impact</b> 18:00-18:45	<b>The GRC's Stakeholder Engagement Approach</b> 19:00-19:45	<b>GRC Models to Support Collaboration</b> 20:00-20:45
	Moderator: <b>Ben Sharman</b> (UKRI, UK) Rapporteur: <b>Payam Parsizadeh</b> (INSF, Iran)	Moderator: <b>Shaun Baron</b> (NSERC, Canada) Rapporteur: <b>Dirce Madeira</b> (FNI, Mozambique)	Moderator: <b>Professor Euclides de Mesquita Neto</b> (FAPESP, Brazil) Rapporteur: <b>Dr Kendra Sharp</b> (NSF, USA)

14:00-14:05	Opening Remarks by the Session Chair		
14:05-14:20	Reporting from Group Discussions: Actions Towards the Development and Implementation of the GRC's Vision and Roadmap		
	<b>The GRC's Strategic Communication Strategy for Impact</b> <i>Rapporteur: Payam Parsizadeh</i> (INSF, Iran)	<b>The GRC's Stakeholder Engagement Approach</b> <i>Rapporteur: Professor Gina El-Feky</i> (ASRT, Egypt)	<b>GRC Models to Support Collaboration</b> <i>Rapporteur: Dr Kendra Sharp</i> (NSF, USA)
14:20-15:30	<b>Open Discussion and Way Forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sub-Saharan Africa: <b>Dr Amos Nungu</b> (COSTECH, Tanzania)</li> <li>- Americas: <b>Dr Aisén Etcheverry Escudero</b> (ANID, Chile)</li> <li>- Asia-Pacific: <b>Dr Laksana Tri Handoko</b> (LIPI, Indonesia)</li> <li>- Europe: <b>Dr Marc Schiltz</b> (FNR, Luxembourg)</li> <li>- MENA: <b>Dr Salem Al-Hajraf</b> (KFAS, Kuwait)</li> </ul> <b>Summary: Dr Dominique Charron</b> (IDRC, Canada)		
15:30-15:45	<b>Report by the GRC Executive Secretary</b> <i>Michael Bright</i> (UKRI, UK)		
15:45-16:00	<b>Report by the Chairperson of the GRC Governing Board</b> <i>Professor Katja Becker</i> , GRC Governing Board Chair (DFG, Germany)		
16:00-16:15	<b>Invitation to the 10th GRC Annual Meeting</b> <i>Dr Eduardo Ortega-Barría</i> (SENACYT, Panama) <i>Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan</i> (NSF, USA)		
16:15-16:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Professor Katja Becker</i> , GRC Governing Board Chair (DFG, Germany) <i>Dr Fulufhelo Nelwamondo</i> (NRF, South Africa) and <i>Professor Soukèye Dia Tine</i> (MESR, Senegal) <i>Professor Christopher Smith</i> (UKRI, UK)		

