

# WORKSHOP SERIES

## Implementing the AU-EU Innovation Agenda

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AI for facilitating and strengthening R&I at the Africa-Europe Interface - 15 April 2025  
Marrakech (Morocco) & online



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## Programme

Timeslot (GMT+1)	Session
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Opening Session – Setting the Scene</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Tanja Gillmann</b>, Global Service Facility, a project funded by the European Commission and <b>Shirley Gladys Nakyejwe</b>, Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, Uganda</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcome Remarks</b> By <b>Prof. Brando Okolo</b>, AUDA-NEPAD, <b>Nienke Buisman</b>, European Commission and <b>Hamid Bouabid</b>, Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, Kingdom of Morocco</li> <li><b>AU-EU Innovation Agenda: Progress and AI Applications</b> By <b>Lukovi Seke</b>, AUDA -NEPAD and <b>Dr Vincenzo Lorusso</b>, European Commission</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Experience Sharing – AI in R&amp;I and Lessons from the AU-EU Innovation Agenda</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Tendai Pasipamire</b>, ENRICH in Africa Center and <b>Andrea Stemler</b>, Africa-Europe Innovation Platform</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AI for Agricultural Innovation: Lessons from eAgro in Advancing Africa-Europe Collaboration</b> By <b>Golden Nhunhama</b>, eAgro, Zimbabwe</li> <li><b>AI for Medical Innovation: Transforming Pathology with Data Pathology</b> By <b>Hicham el Attar</b>, Datapathology, Morocco</li> <li><b>Gaming for Impact: The Role of AI in Climate and Behavioural Innovation</b> By <b>Nikhil Mandrekar</b>, The Carbon Games, Portugal</li> </ul>
11:00 – 12:15	<b>Deep-Tech Training Transformation Scheme–AI for R&amp;I</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Lukovi Seke</b>, AUDA -NEPAD and <b>Dr Vincenzo Lorusso</b>, European Commission</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Development: AUDA-NEPAD's Strategic Initiatives</b> By <b>Prof. Brando Okolo</b>, and <b>Lukovi Seke</b>, AUDA-NEPAD</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Driving AI Innovation and Collaboration: Tanzania’s AI Community Perspective</b> <i>By <b>Essa Mohamedali</b>, Tanzania AI Community, Tanzania</i></li> <li>• <b>Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Ecosystems: A Perspective from Tunisia’s Technoparks</b> <i>By <b>Hichem Turki</b>, Novation City, Tunisia</i></li> <li>• <b>Exploring Italy’s AI Collaborations with Africa through AI Hub for Sustainable Development</b> <i>By <b>Valeria Vinci</b>, Ministry of Enterprises, Italy</i></li> <li>• <b>Humans and AI – Education, Research and Innovation</b> <i>By <b>Margherita Trestini</b>, Apodissi, Italy on behalf of <b>Prof. Fausto Giunchiglia</b>, University of Trento, Italy</i></li> </ul>
12:15 – 12:50	<p><b>AI Networking Café – Facilitating Matchmaking and Collaboration Building</b></p> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Tanja Gillmann</b>, Global Service Facility, a project funded by the European Commission and <b>Tendai Pasipamire</b>, ENRICH in Africa Center</i></p> <p><i>With dedicated experts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ambassador Prof. Bitange Ndemo</b>, Kenya’s Ambassador to Belgium and Mission to the EU, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Dr Nassima Noufail</b>, FARI, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Samir Abdelkrim</b>, EMERGING Valley, France</li> <li>• <b>Joseph Berkoh Yaw</b>, Fixxies Technologies, Ghana</li> <li>• <b>Dr William Wasswa</b>, Global Auto Systems LTD, Uganda</li> </ul>
12:50 – 13:00	<p><b>Ending greetings</b></p> <p><i>By <b>Prof. Brando Okolo</b>, AUDA-NEPAD and <b>Nienke Buisman</b>, European Commission</i></p>

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