

Programme

DATE
Oct 17th, 2025 **(How) can African-European science diplomacy promote equitable partnerships?**

11:00 – 13:00
(UTC+2) **Venue: Festsaal der Humboldt Universität zu Berlin,
Luisenstraße 56, Haus 1, Berlin & livestreamed**

11:05 – 11:15 **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Michael Harms (DAAD)

Deputy Secretary General of the German Academic Exchange Service

11:15 – 12:50 **Panel discussion**

Moderation

Yolanda Sylvana Rother (she/her)

Moderator and co-founder of "The Impact Company"

Panel

Prof. Dr. Isabella Aboderin

Director of the Perivoli Africa Research Institute (PARC) and Professor, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Prof. Dr. Boris Heinz

Professor, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

Prof. Dr. Peter Simatei

Director of the School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) and Professor, Moi University, Kenya

Prof. Dr. Juliet Thondhlana

Coordinator of the Association of African Universities (AAU) Europe Regional Office and Professor, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

12:50 – 13:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Dr. Herbert Grieshop (BUA)

Director International Affairs, Freie Universität Berlin

13:00 – 14:00 **Reception**

Light lunch reception accompanied by a DJ set from

Yara Mekawei (DAAD Alumna)