



**NEPAD SANBio BioFISA II Annual Event**  
**Draft Programme – subject to change**  
**CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria, SA**  
**27- 28 February 2018**



**INTRODUCTION**

The NEPAD Southern Africa Network for Biosciences (SANBio) provides a shared research, development and innovation platform for collaborative research in health and nutrition. Each year, NEPAD SANBio with the support of the BioFISA II Programme hosts a networking event for regional and international stakeholders to discuss pertinent issues in the region and this year, “**Commercialisation of Research Technologies**” is the central theme with dialogue on new ways of innovating for the future in the biosciences, cultural changes in the research environment toward entrepreneurship, the role of data and technology in health and nutrition, infrastructure for innovation and future trends and funding models.

SANBio wishes for companies to engage with investors, for academics to meet eye to eye with industry and relevant policy makers, and for the youth to team up with renowned experts for discussions on the paradigm shifts at hand. Furthermore, two pitching competitions will take place with exciting prizes. An exhibition for companies will also take place during the event, giving innovations the attention they deserve.

Whether you are looking for investors, customers, academic contacts, media exposure or mentoring, the SANBio Annual Event 2018 offers an opportunity to network and engage with the biosciences innovation community. The event is designed as an energetic meeting point between all the different players and influencers in the sector. The people to attend are those with a passion for what they do.

Session Number	Day & Time	Session Name			
	08:00-09:00	Registration			
<b>Day 1 Sessions – Tuesday 27 February 2018</b>					
	Facilitator:				
1A	<b>Day 1 Session A – Plenary Welcome</b>				
	09:00-09:05	Opening and welcome address by NEPAD			

	09:05-09:10	Opening and welcome address by GOF				
	09:10-09:15	Welcome remarks by DST				
	09:15-09:20	Welcome remarks by SADC Secretariat				
	09:20-09:25	Welcome remarks by SANBio Network				
	09:25-09:45	BioFISA II Programme Achievements and lessons to date				
<b>Day 1 Session A –Plenary Address 1</b>						
1A	09:45-09:50	Introduction to Key Note Speaker				
	09:50-10:15	Keynote Speaker: <b>Implications of data &amp; technology revolution for development practices</b>  (15 min talk and 10 min Q&A)				
	10:15-10:45	Networking and Tea/Coffee Break in Foyer				
<b>Day 1 Session B –Plenary address 2 and Panel discussion 1</b>						
2A	10:45-12:00	<b>Founder’s story</b> Successful Spin off from university and R&D  <b>Panel: From R&amp;D to commercial success (at precommercialisation phase)</b> TBA Key issues: • What is the critical bottle neck & Solutions for commercialisation of research in the region				

	12:00-13:00	Buffet Lunch at the Deck				
	<b>Day 1 Session 3A - Parallel session 1</b>			<b>Day 1 Session 3B – Pitching Session 1</b>		
3A, 3B	13:00-14:00	<b>New models, new funding, exploring the opportunities for spin-off &amp; start up founders.</b>  Panel Discussion Key Issue: Exploring how different funders can support start-ups and spinoffs in the commercialisation phase	13:00-16:00	<b>1000 ideas</b> – From idea to market Postdocs to Pitch – 20 participants		
	<b>Day 1 Session 3B: Breakaway session 1 –Parallel session 2</b>					
4A, 4B, 4C	14:30-16:00	<b>Expert Panel 1: Management and exploitation of big data for the future</b> Panel:	14:30-16:00	<b>Expert Panel 2: Feeding Africa in 2030</b> Focus: Alternative food sources Panel:	14:30-16:00	<b>Expert Panel 3: Animal Health and Nutrition, the next big thing</b>
	16:00-16:15	Networking and Tea/Coffee Break in the Foyer				
5A	<b>Day 1 Session 3C: Networking Dinner</b>					
	17:30-19:30	Networking Dinner at the Deck – Guest speaker: Entrepreneur				
<b>Day 2 Sessions – Wednesday 28 February 2018</b>						
	07:30-08:00	Registration				
	<b>Day 2 Session 1 Plenary Address 2</b>					
6A	08:00-09:00	Founder’s story – transforming failures into success				
	09:00-10:00	Growth metrics and avoiding the valley of death Panel : TBA				

	10:00-10:30	Networking and Tea/Coffee Break in Foyer				
<b>Day 2 Session 2 –Breakaways 2 - Parallel session 3</b>			<b>Day 2 Session 6B – Pitching Session 2</b>			
7A, 7B	11:00 – 12:30	<b>The good, bad and ugly of running a start-up with a big vision</b> Panel: Founders, TBA (Spin offs + start-ups)	11:00– 12:30	<b>Exploring Business Models on IKS</b> Panel: TBA	11:00- 14:30	<b>Pitching session 2:</b> Entrepreneurs – start ups Project pitching Panel of Investors
	12:30-13:30	Lunch at the Deck – Buffet lunch at the Deck				
<b>Day 2 Session 2 – Parallel session 3B</b>						
8A, 8B	13:30-14:30	<b>FemBioBiz</b> Tips on how early stage start-ups benefit from cooperation: Prof Keolebogile Motaung Launch for the 2018 FemBioBiz Panel : TBA  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs funding woman entrepreneurs</li> <li>• Talk on gender equity (challenges of woman in scale-ups after research)</li> <li>• Support for young women to translate research to commercialisation</li> <li>• Students</li> </ul>	13:30- 14:30	<b>Infrastructure for future innovations</b> Seeding Labs, panel		
	14:30-15:30	Closing remarks and wrap up				
	Tea/Coffee in the foyer					
<b>Departure of delegates</b>						
<b>Day3 Meeting– Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> March</b>						
9A	09:00-16:00	NEPAD SANBio Steering Committee Meeting - SC Members only				