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Africa-Europe Dialogue Symposium on Innovation for Sustainable Development

Knowledge Transfer for the Wellbeing Economy

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The **Innovation for Sustainable Development Network** will hold its third annual symposium event from 30 November to 1 December in Pretoria, organised in co-operation with South Africa's **Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**, **Stellenbosch University** and **Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn)** at the University of Pretoria.

The three-day symposium will open a dialogue between networks and practitioners in Africa and Europe to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing, identifying solutions that can be applied to support sustainable development. The symposium will also mark the official launch of the inno4sd network to new members.

The symposium will open with high-level speakers to set the scene for the day. Confirmed speakers include:

- Dr. Marcus Cornaro – Head of the European Union's Delegation to South Africa
- Mr. Imraan Patel – Deputy Director General of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of South Africa
- Mr. Alf Wills – Deputy Director General of Environmental Advisory Services, Department of Environmental Affairs, Government of South Africa

The afternoon session will explore Sustainable Energy Transitions in Sub-Saharan Africa, Inclusive Greentech Transfer, and Sustainable Innovation for the Circular Economy. Participants will then take join the Thuli Madonsela Good Governance Lecture, organised in the context of GovInn's Wellbeing Economy Festival.

The second day will see interactive discussions to achieve a common understanding on priorities for a selection of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, coming up with concrete recommendations on how to put in place new Africa-Europe knowledge exchange models for SDG research, policy making and practical implementation. The results will feed into the EU-Africa high level dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation.





The final day will host three parallel activities in collaboration with South Africa's **National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC)**, **Future Earth** and the **Sustainable Transitions Research Network (STRN)**.

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These activities will include a workshop on eco-innovation, co-organised between inno4sd and NCPC; an Academy for PhD students where experts from inno4sd, the CSIR, GovInn, STRN, and Future Earth will give feedback to students on their research; and a number of site visits in Tshwane municipality.

Around 80 people are expected to attend the symposium, including around 60 who will be participating as speakers.

Join online

Parts of the symposium will be webcast, and this can be followed live at the YouTube channel of the CSIR International Convention Centre: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfaDvVqFkxXxMil2u9wcQjA>

The event will also be live-tweeted at the @inno4sd Twitter page. Join the discussion with #inno4sd.

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About inno4sd

The Innovation for Sustainable Development Network (inno4sd.net) aims to advance the state-of-the-art in innovation for sustainable development by:

- Reducing fragmentation by connecting multiple networks;
- Supporting knowledge connectivity for collaboration and co-generation;
- Engaging policy-makers, businesses, and researchers to enact change.

inno4sd aims to consolidate the global eco-innovation community and foster collaboration and knowledge sharing by bringing people together from all sectors related to the green economy, sustainability and innovation. It is an action-oriented network which will support the practical application of solutions to stimulate trans-formative change and support sustainable development, worldwide.

